

COMMENT OF
THE DAYUnhappy
Misunderstanding

MIDDLE East reactions to the Turkey-Iraq treaty have been so varied that the danger has arisen it might defeat its own objects. It is of moment, therefore, to consider why the treaty was considered to be necessary.

One of its motivating factors is that Iraq is in the front line against Communism, and that country is very conscious that the Middle East, because of its manifold internal problems and the divisions between its governments, must seem to Moscow an especially attractive region for its next plans and manoeuvres.

In the post-war period the prime theme internationalism has been the defence of the free world against the threat of Communist imperialism. In the West that has been checked by the creation of NATO. But with the damping up of Russia's advance in Europe, Russia may turn in another direction. Iraq and Turkey have drawn the inference and are striving to prepare against the consequences.

In a sense the new treaty is complementary to the Anglo-Egyptian settlement over the Suez base. By this agreement the base becomes active if Turkey or a member of the Arab League Defence Treaty is attacked. But the problems of security cannot be dealt with piecemeal. The Middle East is a whole. Hence the invitation in the Turkey-Iraq pact for other states to join in.

Unhappily both the negotiations of the new treaty and its reception by the Middle East countries have been marred by misunderstanding with Egypt. The outcome has been confusion among the Arab states, not all of which share Egypt's views, though they are naturally much concerned by them.

Egypt's motives are mixed. As the largest of the Arab countries Egypt claims to lead the Arab world, and it objects that the initiative should have been taken by Iraq over its head. Furthermore, as a country which until recently was engaged in a nationalist struggle with Britain, it is suspicious of any Arab state pursuing a course that may link it militarily with the West. That, at least, is the reason given, although it is well to remember that at times the Egyptian leaders have expressed themselves willing to collaborate with the West. Moreover, they made no protest when Iraq some months ago agreed to accept arms from the United States.

It will be a tragedy if disagreements between Egypt and Iraq prevent the Middle East from enjoying the stabilising effects which could follow from the present treaty. The whole object of statesmanship should now be to harmonise Egypt and its Arab partners. There can be no secure peace in the Middle East unless the Arab countries are reunited and unless they are united also with Turkey. In terms of real interest there is no reason why Egypt should not co-operate with Iraq and Turkey. Much of the friction arises out of personal disputes and out of genuine misunderstandings. Given goodwill these can be cleared away.

The dominant hope now is that Iraq will succeed in persuading the other countries of the Arab League of the wisdom of the new alliance, and that Egypt, in particular, will withdraw her objections to the treaty, thereby making a positive contribution to the future stability and welfare of the Middle East.

Dock
Strike
Threat To
Britain

London, Feb. 28. Britain was threatened with another disastrous dock strike today when negotiations broke down over an overtime dispute, main cause of last autumn's 29-day stoppage.

Port authorities accordingly ended the truce on overtime discipline agreed to during the negotiations, and the position has reverted to that existing at the time of the original October strike.

Any dockers' henceforth refusing to work compulsory overtime without reasonable excuse will be reported for disciplinary action.

The dockers are opposing compulsory overtime, claiming that it should in all cases be voluntary.

TALKS COLLAPSE

Talks collapsed at a two-hour meeting this morning of the Port Labour Executive Committee attended by dock employers and representatives of dockers' unions.

It became apparent that there is no immediate likelihood of complete agreement in the negotiations on practical overtime arrangements, the committee announced later.

"A good deal of headway has been made on such matters as facilities for replacement, but the negotiations have broken down on the interpretation of a man's ultimate obligations under the dock labour scheme.

"This point could only arise in practice if, after all arrangements for relief fall, a man refuses to work reasonable overtime."

1954 STRIKE

Last year's giant dock strike eventually spread to eight key ports, involving 44,000 men. It held up vast quantities of exports and imports, stranded 353 ships and cut production in many factories.

The stoppage, which threatened to plunge the nation into industrial chaos, was the worst since the General Strike of 1926.—Reuter.

Tescanini
Denies Report

New York, Feb. 28. Maestro Arturo Toscanini, 88, and his white-haired secretary arrived here today amid rumours that they planned to be married.

Walter Tescanini, the conductor's son, branded the reports "just ridiculous" shortly before his father arrived aboard a trans-Atlantic liner.

"I did not know anything about this until I talked with you newsmen," he told reporters. "You can deny it as just ridiculous."

Toscanini announced his retirement from the orchestra podium last year and went home to Italy last June. His son said he had returned for five or six months to put the finishing touches on some records he made.

The conductor was accompanied back to the US by Miss Anita Colombo of Milan.—United Press.

GATT Won't Entertain
Imperial Preference

Geneva, Feb. 28. A last-minute attempt by Australia to raise the issue of imperial preference in international trade got short shrift here today.

During the GATT conference, Australia proposed that permission should be given for bigger preference margins to be negotiated.

Changes in the value of money and goods have wiped out the value of many preferences fixed years ago.

The 34 delegations had earlier been told they must sit late every night this week to be certain of finishing by Saturday. "So, when the Australian spokesman, the Secretary of the Department

N.E. ASIA DEFENCE PLAN

US Blueprint
ReportedJAPAN, S. KOREA
FORMOSA LINKPossible Association
With SEATO

London, Feb. 28.

The United States was reported here today to be considering linking Formosa, South Korea and Japan in a defence agreement with the United States.

The United States envisions associating such a Northeast Asia defence organisation later with SEATO, the Southeast Asia defence pact, the Press reports added.

Sir Anthony Eden received the plan with marked reserve when the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, mentioned it at Bangkok, the Manchester Guardian said.

The Foreign Office said that it had no knowledge of this reported policy blueprint.

MOSCOW
REPEATS
WARNING

Moscow, Feb. 28.

Russia warned Britain again tonight that British-supported rearmament of West Germany would nullify the Anglo-Soviet friendship treaty of 1942.

The Foreign Ministry sent a new note on the subject to the British Embassy at 8 p.m., and broadcast an announcement of its delivery two hours later.

An Embassy spokesman described the note as a "further warning" following up the Soviet note of December 20.

A British note of January 28 advised Russia that Britain would "not be deflected from her chosen course" of approving German rearmament.

This text of the new Soviet note was not made public immediately but it was clear it did not formally declare the 1942 treaty void.

Leonid Il'yichev, Foreign Ministry press chief, told newsmen some time ago the Russian threat to cancel the pact would not be effective until the "act of ratification" of the Paris rearmament treaty was completed—presumably meaning until all of the countries concerned have completed action on the arms agreements.

The Paris treaties have been ratified by both Houses of the British Parliament, but they have not yet been formally approved by the Queen.—United Press.

of Commerce and Agriculture, Mr J. G. Crawford, made his plea. He found most of the delegations impatient to get on with other business.

After a very short discussion, a decision was called for. Only Britain and seven other countries supported Australia.

Mr Crawford was repeating a demand put forward at the beginning of the conference last October by his leader, Mr John McEwen.

"Preference" rates have deteriorated almost to vanishing point but GATT denies us the opportunity to negotiate them," Mr McEwen said then.—London Express Service.

Both the Guardian and the influential newspaper the Scotsman carried the report today.

In a Bangkok despatch from its diplomatic correspondent, the Guardian said:

"The Americans are understood to be considering as a long-term policy the linking of three territories (Formosa, Japan and South Korea) in some defence arrangement and then associating this with SEATO."

The Scotsman, quoting reports from Taipei, Tokyo and Seoul, also insisted that "preparations are underway to form a Northeast Asian treaty organisation between Nationalist China, Japan, South Korea and the United States."

UNOFFICIAL REACTION

Unofficial British reaction to the suggestion indicated uneasiness today, probably stemming largely from Britain's anxiety to keep out of any trouble over Formosa.

The Manchester Guardian despatch said, "The manner in which the British delegation spokesmen (at Bangkok) appeared deliberately to play down this important facet of American Far Eastern policy seems to suggest that it by no means has Britain's full support."

"But it is understood that no formal objections were raised by Sir Anthony Eden after Mr Dulles had outlined it to the SEATO conference," the Guardian added.

The Scotsman pointed out that before Japan could join any treaty organisation—which included South Korea, disputes between them would have to be resolved.

On the other hand, Formosa's inclusion in such a set-up would provide a boost to the Nationalist morale which had been affected by the evacuation of the Tachen Islands, the Scotsman said.

Britain's uneasiness over any such far-reaching political and military link-up in the Far East stems largely from her anxiety to keep out of trouble which might arise over Formosa.

Under SEATO Britain is committed—with the other seven members of the pact—to the defence of the Southeast Asian area only. Formosa is not covered by the SEATO arrangements.

Britain has made it repeatedly clear in recent weeks that she has no commitment over Formosa other than through the United Nations.—United Press.

Big Tokyo Blaze

Tokyo, Feb. 28. Tokyo's biggest postwar fire today destroyed the Showa Girls University and a residential home in the suburbs of the city.

One person was killed and 10 were injured. More than 300 were made homeless.—Tokyo Press.



M. MIKOYAN

Missing Scientist

Pontecorvo
Turns Up
In RussiaArticle Appears In
Soviet Papers

Moscow, Mar. 1. Bruno Pontecorvo, British atomic scientist who disappeared several years ago, is in Russia, the newspapers Pravda and Izvestia disclosed today.

Both Pravda, the Communist Party organ, and Izvestia, the official government newspaper, published an article by Pontecorvo calling for a worldwide ban on atomic weapons.

The article was the first official sign that Pontecorvo, an Italian-born former British scientist, definitely was in Russia, although there had been Western speculation to that effect.



PONTECORVO

He last was seen in Finland almost five years ago.

Pontecorvo signed the article as a "professor and Stalin Prize winner." He said he "already had been in the Soviet Union for several years."

(Pontecorvo disappeared from Rome in 1950. With him were his wife, Helena, Marianne and their three children.)

(Pontecorvo was once a colleague of Dr Klaus Fuchs, who was sentenced to prison for disclosing atomic secrets to the Soviet.)

(A British Government spokesman said shortly after Pontecorvo disappeared that there was "no doubt" he had gone to Russia. The 42-year-old Italian-born scientist and his family reportedly were driven in a Russian car from the Soviet Legation in Helsinki to the Helsinki docks, where they boarded a ship for Russia.)

(Pontecorvo, who was thought to have some British atom secrets with him when he disappeared, had become a naturalised British subject during World War II.—United Press.)

SOVIET CABINET
RESHUFFLE

New First Vice-Premiers

Paris, Feb. 28.

The Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, today appointed three new First Vice-Premiers and four new Vice-Premiers in his Cabinet reshuffle, the Soviet Tass news agency reported today.

The three First Vice-Premiers will rank with Lazar Kaganovich and Vyacheslav Molotov, who were until now the only two First Vice-Premiers.

The promoted ministers are Anastase Mikoyan, Mikhail Perlovichin and Maxim Saburov who were previously Vice-Premiers.

The four new Vice-Premiers are Alexis Savitskiy, Vasil Kucherenko, P. S. Lobanov and N. B. Khramovskiy.

They said that these promotions had been decreed by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union at the proposal of Premier Bulganin.

NEW DUTIES

The announcement said that Vice-Premier Vyacheslav Malyshev had been assigned new responsibilities in directing the group of ministers in charge of railway construction.

He has therefore been relieved of his duties as the Minister for Construction of Medium Machinery and his post has been given to one of the new Vice-Ministers, Alexis Savitskiy.

After the nomination of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin as Premier, the Soviet Government had only two Vice-Premiers, Lazar Kaganovich (Minister without portfolio) and Vyacheslav Molotov (Foreign Minister).

The nomination of Anastase Mikoyan, Mikhail Perlovichin and Maxim Saburov as First Vice-Premiers therefore brings the number of First Vice-Premiers in the Cabinet to five.

IN LEIPZIG

Mikoyan has been up to the present a Vice-Premier. On January 24 this year he gave up the post of Minister of Domestic Trade.

At the moment he is leading the Soviet delegation to the Leipzig Fair, where he arrived three days ago.

This would seem to confirm the opinion that, although he has given up the position of Minister of Domestic Trade, Mikoyan is keeping a strong hand on the Soviet internal and external trade ministries.

Perlovichin was a Vice-Minister without portfolio. On April 27 last year he gave up the Ministry of the Interior and the Electrical Industry posts.

Royal Children
& Blood Sports

London, Feb. 28.

Queen Elizabeth, recipient of much regal and diplomatic mail, today received an unusual letter—an appeal from the National Society for the Abolition of Blood Sports, requesting that she encourage her children to hunt.

The letter recalled that, last month near Sandringham, Prince Charles and Princess Anne watched the preparation for a fox hunt and said: "May we hope that this does not mean that they will soon take part in fox hunting themselves?"

"Your Majesty is no doubt aware," continued the letter, "that the hunting of foxes and other animals is an extremely controversial subject, and we humbly hope that the Prince and Princess will not be encouraged to hunt, but will be allowed to decide for themselves when they reach an age of discretion."—France-Press.

Admits He Lied
Under Oath

New York, Feb. 28.

M/Sgt. William Olson, accused of collaborating with the Red Chinese captors in Korea admitted today that he had lied under oath once in the past five years but that he was intentionally knowing, deliberately or with malice aforethought.

The veteran Army sergeant spent the entire day on the witness stand as his general court martial on seven collaboration charges neared its climax. He will return to the witness stand tomorrow, according to United Press.

Fifth Test Begins
England
Races
For Runs

Sydney, Mar. 1. After losing the toss, England opened the batting in the Fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground today obviously under orders to "hit out", and runs were coming at the rate of one a minute.

The start of the match was delayed until after lunch today because of the sodden state of the ground but commentators said the pitch itself was "looking quite dry."

Hutton was the first English victim when, with his score at six, he snicked a ball to young Pat Burge of N.S.W. at leg slip to give Lindwall his 98th Test wicket.

Then Gravemyer was joined by May and the two began laying a solid foundation for the England score.

At 3.15 Sydney time, England had scored 72 runs in 74 minutes. Both Gravemyer and May were not afraid to hit "upish" shots and the crowd which had waited patiently from the early hours of the morning saw some entertaining cricket.

BATSMEN'S WICKET

Commentators said that despite the wet state of the ground the bowlers were not getting very much assistance from the pitch and described it as "a batsmen's wicket."

Gravemyer quickly ran to 25 while his partner, May, was inclined to be more cautious.

Gravemyer hit an upish shot from Miller past Beardsley and he ran three while the ball trickled slowly down through the heavy outfield.

Then Gravemyer hit a ball from Davidson for two.

NICE LENGTH

Davidson was bowling a nice length at this stage and his first two overs yielded only four runs.

Miller who had bowled unchanged for the first hour was replaced with the score at 1 for 51 and Bill Johnston remained the bowling. Commentators said Miller's bowling was in.

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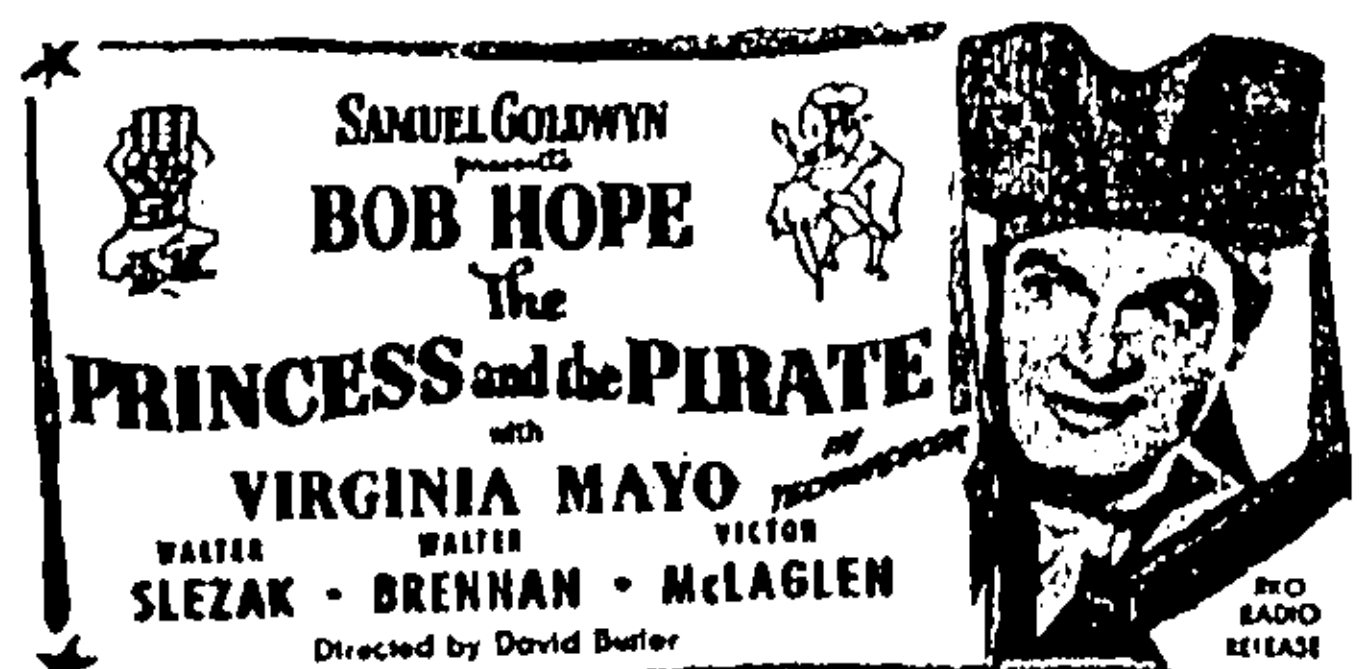


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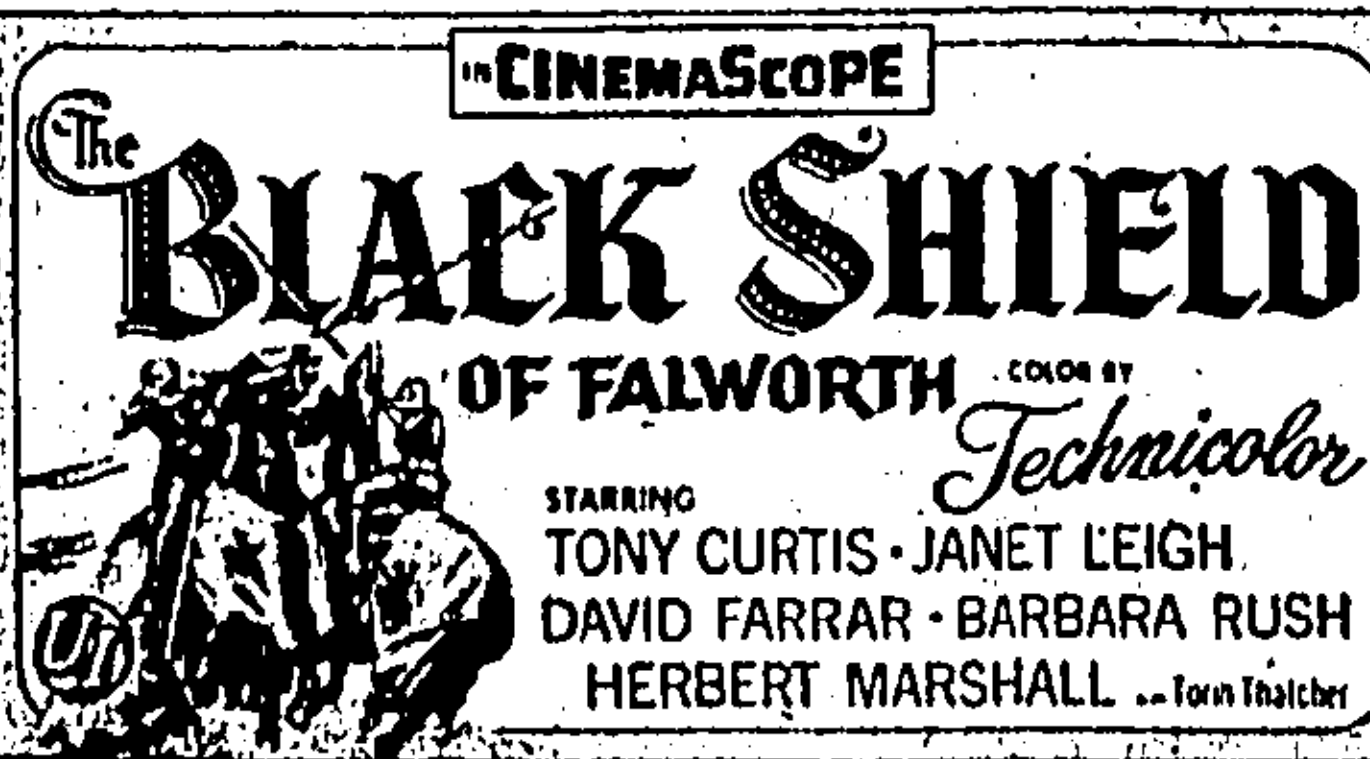
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FORMOSA LULL

Only Heavy Patrol Action In Straits

Taipei, Mar. 1.

An uneasy lull in the Formosa Straits entered its third day with only heavy patrol action reported in the tension-filled 100-mile stretch of water. Both the Nationalists and Communist China gave indications of preparing for bigger and bloodier battles over those islands remaining under the Nationalist control off the China mainland.

THORIUM FIND IN S. AFRICA

Johannesburg, Feb. 28.

South Africa has thorium — the mineral which may give the world cheap atomic power — a vast store.

The announcement of thorium's use as a new type of nuclear reactor by the United States Atomic Energy Commission did not take South African nuclear physicists and geologists by surprise.

Professor F. R. N. Nabarro, head of the Nuclear Physics Department of the University of the Witwatersrand, said that he had known for some time that attempts were being made to use thorium as an atomic reactor.

A coloured man of Van Rhyns, North West Cape, knocked a piece of a weathered outcrop. He found it to be surprisingly heavy and took it to a local farmer-pro prospector. The stone turned out to be particularly rich in thorium.

Thorium has been found by prospectors in South West Africa and in Namagualand, but it is in granitic formations and hard to work. — Reuter.

Jane Froman Leaves Pilot Husband

New York, Feb. 28.

Singer Jane Froman announced today that she and her husband, the Pan American Airways pilot who saved her from death in a plane crash 12 years ago, have decided "to separate for the present."

The announcement was made by Miss Froman's press representative who said that the singer was in Miami recovering from an attack of neuritis. Her husband, Mr. John Burn, is in Acapulco, Mexico, on a one-month vacation, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the couple had no plans for divorce but had separated "due to personal problems they felt they could better work out alone." Miss Froman and Mr. Burn were married in Miami in 1948, five years after they had met in the icy waters of the Tugis River, off Lisbon, Portugal.

SEVERELY INJURED
Mr. Burn, co-pilot of the crashed plane, supported the severely injured Miss Froman, then the wife of the singer and actor Mr. Donald Ross, until rescuers took them from the water.

Miss Froman was hospitalized for months, under treatment for years, and still wears a leg brace as a result of injuries suffered in the accident. She divorced Mr. Ross in 1948 and married Mr. Burn a few weeks later, rising from her wheel chair to walk down the aisle on crutches. — United Press.

AGA KHAN IN NICE

Nice, Feb. 28.

The Aga Khan and his wife, the Begum, arrived here by plane today and immediately moved to their villa in Cannes where they plan to stay until May.

The Aga Khan, who heads the Ismaili sect, was reported to have recovered from his recent illness. — France Press.

Nationalist Chinese naval sources said the Communist Chinese had started initial efforts to "box in" Chiang's northern defence complex at Matsui.

MEET THREAT

Naval units were reported to have left Formosa's northern port of Keelung for Matsui two days ago to meet a new Red threat to that island.

A Communist gunboat and motorised junk fleet which has recently massed south of the island dispersed and avoided a light, Nationalist sources said.

No activity was reported yesterday on Quemoy Island, which the Communists had ringed with big Russian-built artillery capable of reaching every corner of the island.

Quemoy is the southern anchor of Chiang's 150-mile-long island defence line just off the China coast. The island stands only four miles off China's port of Amoy.

Quemoy, Chiang's biggest and most heavily defended island, is garrisoned by some 40,000 crack troops. Matsui, at the extreme northern end of the island defence line and an extremely vital cog in Chiang's defence setup, is defended by about 15,000 Nationalist regulars.

Military observers here thought the present lull meant:

1. The Nationalists were conserving their air and naval power for a showdown struggle for the islands. At the same time units of Chiang's mobile reserves were reported to have been dispatched to bolster their defences.

REDEPLOYMENT

2. The Communists were taking time to redeploy troops, air units and naval forces southward from the vicinity of Nationalist-occupied Tachen and Nanhai islands.

Once they were set the Nationalists expected new Communist blows against Matsui and Quemoy, which have already felt Red's exploratory jabs. — United Press.

Big Power Projects At Salisbury

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Feb. 28.

Work has begun on Salisbury's third power station — although a 20,000 kilowatt machine, the final addition to Salisbury's 24,000,000 second power station was tested only on January 18.

A Municipal official said that future extensions of the third power station would depend on the Government's decision on hydro-electric power. The Council would want to know by next year whether this power would be available.

A machine producing 30,000 kilowatts would operate in the first stage of the third power station next year, followed in 1967 by another 30,000 kilowatt machine.

Together these would roughly equal the highest load on the second power station last winter, but it had been estimated that more power for the city's growing needs would have to be available after 1961. — Reuter.

POP

PLEASE MAKE ME A SNOW MAN, POP!



Princess Margaret receives a recording of a calypso — written in her honour — from the composer, Horace Abrahams, leader of the calypso band "Sir Horace and his Merry Knights" at a floodlit garden party in the grounds of King's House, Jamaica, during her Caribbean tour. Abrahams and his band played and sang their calypso for the Princess and one for the Queen, which was also on the record. One verse of the calypso for the Princess ran:

"You have heard of our rice and peas,
Our cakes and swordfish never fail to please,
We hope you'll try out some of these." — Reuterphoto.

Princess Deeply Touched

Nassau, Feb. 28. Princess Margaret told a youth rally here today that she has been "deeply touched" by the affection shown her during her West Indies tour.

She heard 10,000 school children shrilly sing "We love you, we do" in a ditty entitled "Hail Princess Britannia," the words and music of which were by a local schoolmaster.

Princess Margaret who wore a blue printed white silk dress and a small blue scalloped straw hat, got three rousing cheers from the children. — Reuter.

Ike Preparing To Slash Trade Red Tape

Washington, Feb. 28.

President Eisenhower is preparing to ask Congress to slash the tangle of red tape surrounding United States customs procedures and ease the entry of foreign-made goods into the dollar market.

Treasury officials told Reuter today that their trade experts were now working on a final draft of a customs simplification bill which would be put to Congress "within a week or two."

Such a simplification of the present cumbersome procedures is part of the President's overall foreign economic programme to expand world trade for the mutual benefit of the United States and its allies.

Foreign manufacturers and United States importers have complained for years that the complicated customs evaluation system is a bigger trade barrier than United States tariffs because of the uncertainty it creates.

Legislation to streamline the system and remove its uncertainty by establishing a single standard for valuation in place of the present several standards has been submitted to Congress on three previous occasions. Each time the influence in Congress of the domestic protectionist interests, fearful of increased foreign competition, was strong enough to block any change.

If this fourth attempt at simplification follows the previous legislation pattern, the Eisenhower Administration would seek Congressional approval to use foreign "export value" as the main basis for customs duties.

At present, these duty appraisals are made on either the

export value (the wholesale price at which a foreign trader sells on the world market) or the foreign value whichever is higher. In many cases, the foreign value (the sale price of the article in its country of origin) is the higher and customs officials here must then use it in assessing duties.

But if various technical reasons make it impossible to use these two methods, the officials can then base their valuations on the generally higher prices of comparable goods produced in the United States.

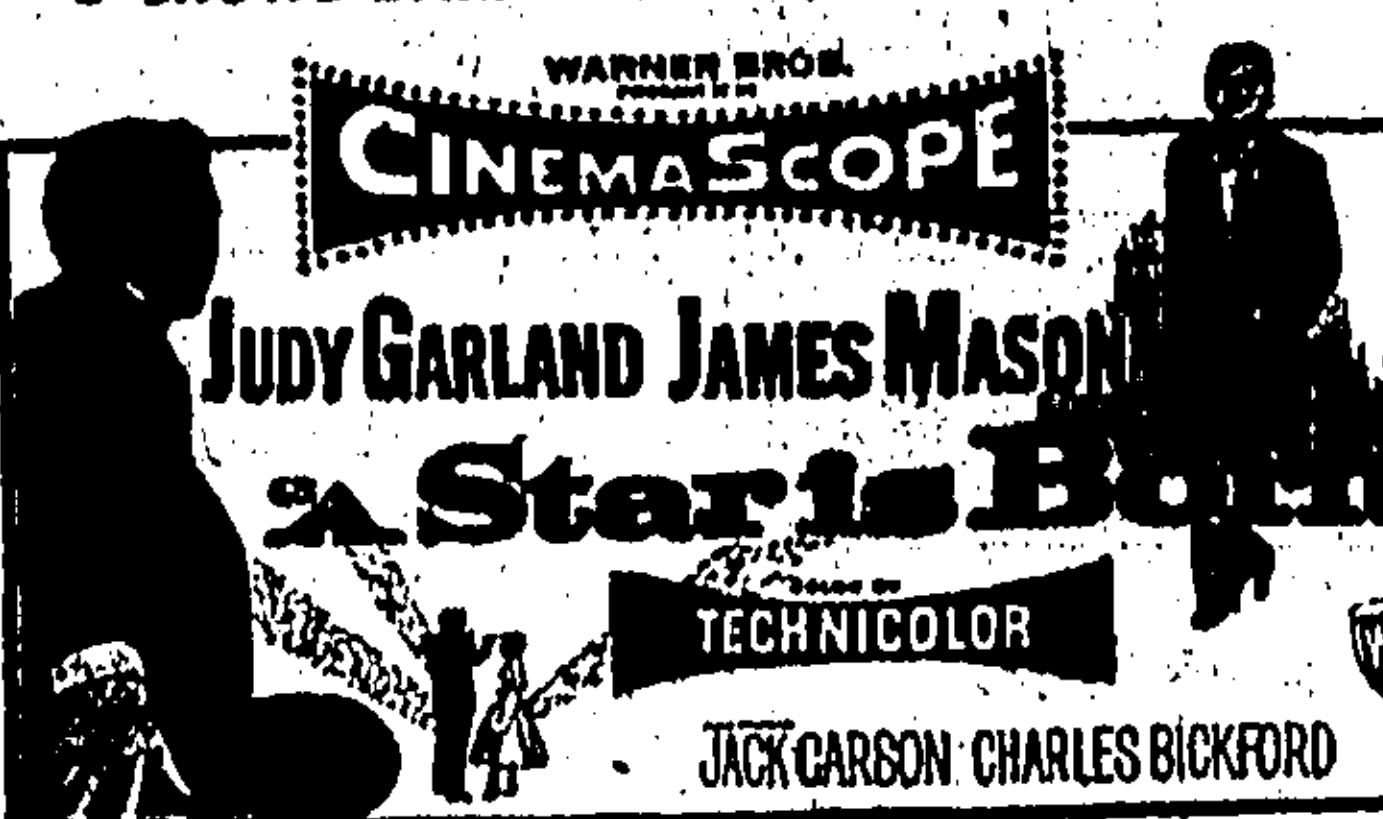
This system often results in lengthy investigations of costs both in the United States and in overseas trading nations and many a foreign manufacturer or his importing agent has been unexpectedly billed for high duty payments long after the imported goods have been sold.

PROFIT LOST
These additional duties in a number of instances were enough to wipe out the trader's profit.

The Treasury which is in charge of customs has a backlog of thousands of appeals against higher duties assessed on the various standards — some of them pending for more than a year. — Reuter.

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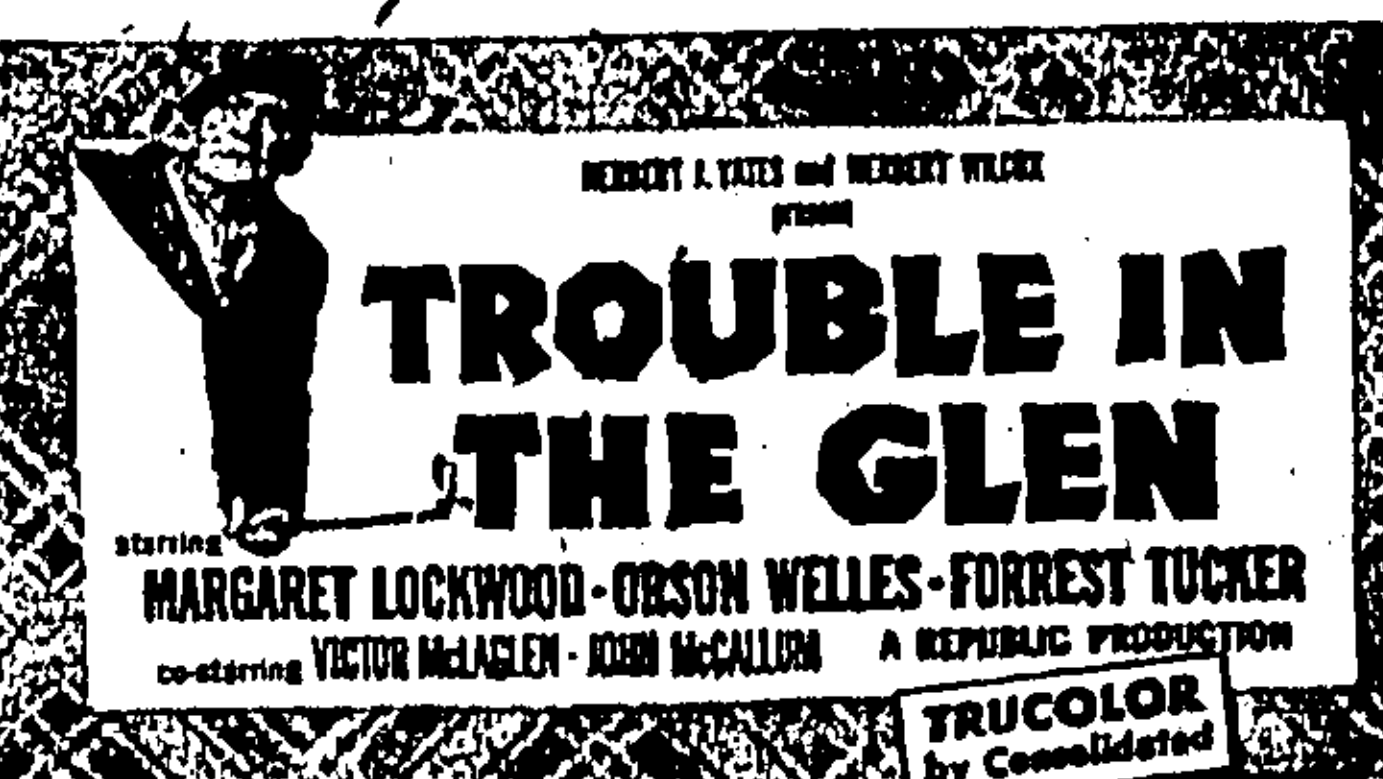
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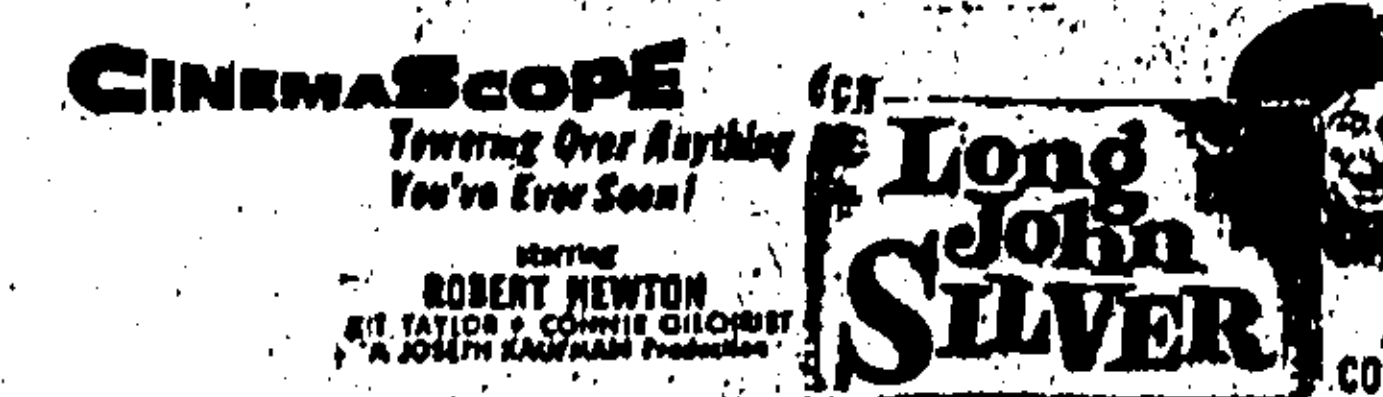
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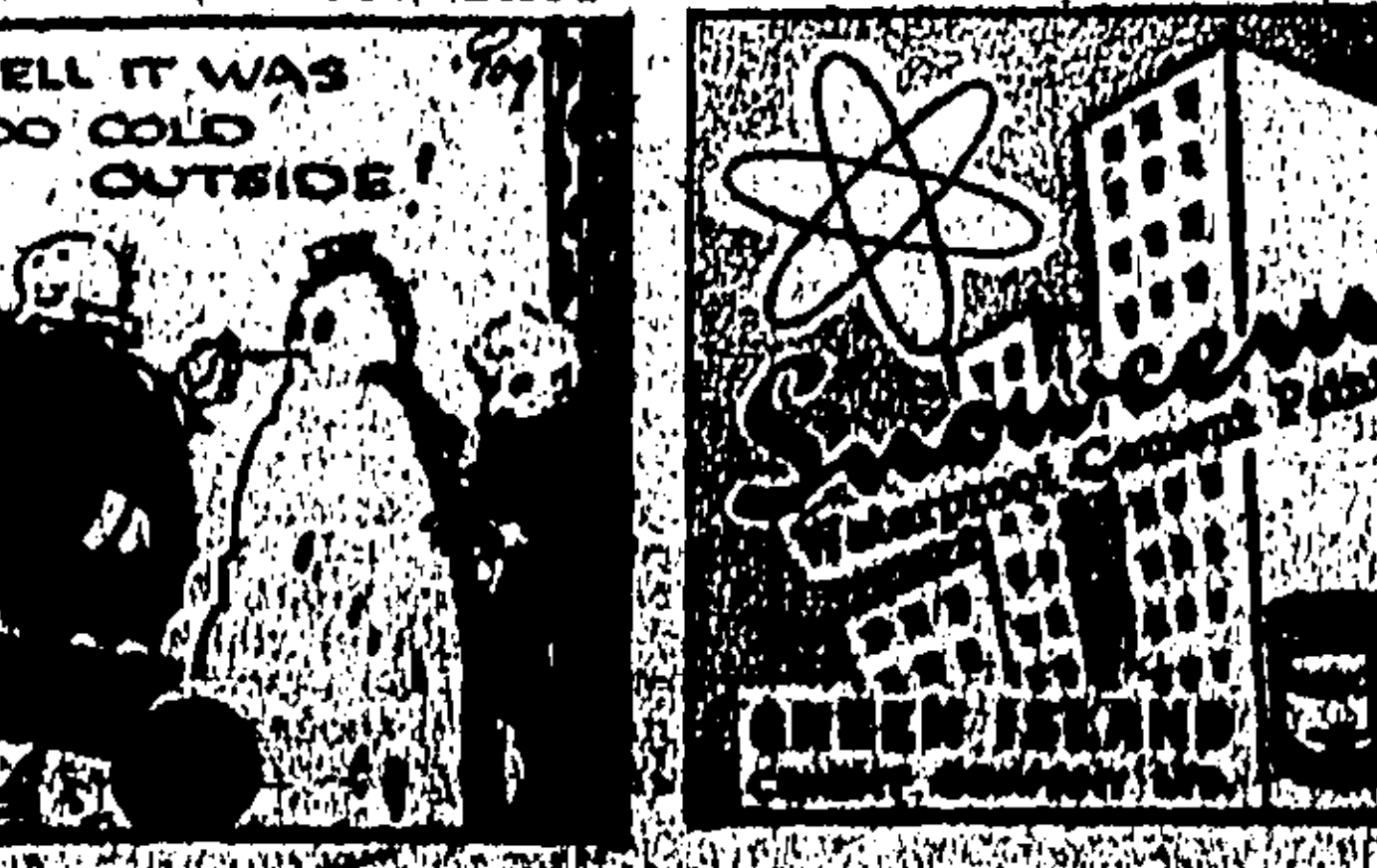


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FAURE ASSURES BRITAIN & US



Fashion Prize For Chevalier

Paris, Feb. 28. — Maurice Chevalier, veteran French stage and screen singing star, was awarded tonight one of the two 1954 "Golden Apples" for fashionable male attire.

The prize, first awarded last year, goes to a stage and screen actor who has shown the best male dress sense during the season.

The other "Golden Apple" winner was young screen actor Jacques Fieschi.

The jury included women fashion experts, members of the French aristocracy and leading Paris artists (France-Press).

MISSING BALLERINA TURNS UP

Marseilles, Feb. 28. — A penitent ballerina turned up at a police station here today and said that she was sorry her disappearance from the Paris opera last Wednesday had caused so much anxiety.

The dancer, Jacqueline Pomie, said she did not realize the great importance the Press would give to her action, which was the result of deep disillusionment and a serious breakdown.

"I never had the idea of ending my life and I am grieved to learn the anxiety and distress of my parents and my husband. It is only to set their minds at rest that I have come to see you," she added.

She asked the police not to reveal where she was staying as she was tired out and needed "to pull myself together completely."

Miss Pomie, who is 22, disappeared after learning that she had been placed fourth in a competition for three places as "prima danseuse" (first dancer) and a widespread police search began.

The ballerina told the police to tell her parents it was possible she would return home very soon. — France-Press.

Ratification Of Paris Agreements

AMBASSADORS PAY COURTESY CALLS

Paris, Feb. 28. — Premier Edgar Faure assured the United States and Britain today that France will finish ratifying German rearmament and then called in his Cabinet to fix a timetable.

The British Ambassador, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, and the American Minister, Mr Theodore Achilles, paid their "courtesy calls" on the new French Minister at midday. Afterwards, authoritative sources said M. Faure has assured his allies that French ratification was in the bag.

A Cabinet meeting this evening probably will set the timetable in late March for passage of the Paris pacts through the French Senate where they have been stalled during the long Government crisis.

Senate leaders may begin arranging the dates tomorrow.

Coming after the approval of the pacts by the West German Bundestag, French ratification will put the seal on long Allied efforts to bring German troops into the Western defence line.

M. Faure told his Ministers in their first Cabinet meeting last Friday that he intended to press for early ratification just as he promised, the sources said.

RAF Killed Sitting Ducks

Paris, Feb. 28. — Britain's Royal Air Force has decided to take pity on the thousands of wild ducks who gather at its Kurechtand target area off northwest Germany every summer to mount the International Union for Nature Protection said in a communique published in Paris today.

The communique said that the RAF killed more than 12,000 ducks in the area last year because the ducks freeze on the sandy island during moulting season when they are unable to fly.

Protests on behalf of the "sitting ducks" by various European ornithologists brought the RAF's decision to use only harmless non-explosive weapons in tests which take place in the area during the July-August moulting period, the communique said. — France-Press.

Not even the followers of General Charles de Gaulle objected.

The French Government, meanwhile, began biding its time. It would like an early Big Three meeting with the United States and Britain—but after it ratifies the Paris pacts which will establish the Western European Union (WEU).

FLATLY DENIED

Officials flatly denied that M. Faure had asked for such a meeting in his sessions with Sir Gladwyn Jebb and Mr Achilles today. They agreed that France was in favour of periodic meetings, however.

There had not been a full-scale one since the change of Premiers in Russia nor since the dangerous flare-up in the Formosa Straits. Though the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, had talked together and with the French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, at the recent Bangkok conference—United Press.

NO ROYAL TITLE FOR TRAIN

Ottawa, Feb. 28. — The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, said today that the use of the word "Royal" in commercial titles should be restricted to keep it valuable.

Mr St Laurent revealed in the Commons that the Canadian Pacific Railway had dropped its intention of calling its new trans-continental fast train "The Royal Canadian" when it found it would not have time to obtain the Queen's approval.

The Premier said the Government would not make a concession to the Queen for against the use of the term, leaving it to her as a matter of royal prerogative. But he said Buckingham Palace frowned on indiscriminate use of the term.

DURING WAR

Permission was granted during the war years by the late King George VI for using Royal titles, Mr St Laurent recalled. Although several requests were made, the only one granted after the war was for the Winnipeg Ballet, which became officially the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr Charles Stene, saw a news dispatch last December which said the CPR intended to call its new train the Royal Canadian, Mr St Laurent said. He wrote to the CPR vice-president, Mr N. R. Crump, enquiring whether the CPR had obtained permission.

The CPR took the view that it did not need permission, but Mr St Laurent quoted sections of the Trade Marks Act and the CPR later advised that it had decided to drop the matter because it would not have time to secure the Queen's approval before the service was to start. — United Press.

Paris, Feb. 28. — Hungary today announced its support for the appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union to the peoples and parliaments of the world for a ceasefire in international tension and the consolidation of peace.

Budapest Radio said that the President of the Hungarian People's Republic, had decided to support the Soviet appeal.

HERMANN FIELD ARRIVES IN LONDON



Mr Hermann Field, the American architect who vanished in Poland in 1948, and was released from a Polish prison last October, arrived at Victoria Station, London, from Switzerland, where he went to recuperate. With him was his wife, Kate, who had joined him there. Their two sons, Allan and Hugh, who went to Switzerland to be with their parents at Christmas, and who returned to England to go back to school, greeted their mother and father on arrival.—Express photo.

Mike Hawthorn Went Too Fast

London, Feb. 28. — The famed auto racer, Mike Hawthorn, was fined 25 shillings by a court here today for speeding within the city limits.

Mr Hawthorn, who won Spain's Grand Prix auto race last year, was doing 50 miles per hour down a city street when he was stopped, the police said. — France-Press.

RAILROAD OPENED

Hanoi, Feb. 28. — The Hanoi-Nam Quan railroad directly linking North Vietnam and Communist China was officially opened today.

The inauguration was celebrated by Government officials of the Vietnamese Democratic Republic (Vietminh) and diplomats of Communist countries here.

The 125-mile line was rebuilt by Chinese and North Vietnamese technicians and workers in about four months.

The line, originally built by the French, had not been used for 10 years.

Journalists and officials boarded a train for the maiden voyage over the line today. The trip will end at Ping Seng, some 20 miles inside Communist China.

The train will return to Hanoi on Wednesday. — France-Press.

Peaceful Co-existence An Absolute Necessity—Spaak

Montreal, Feb. 28. — The Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, today termed peaceful co-existence "an absolute necessity" and said war was not a solution to any problem.

The 55-year-old statesman who describes himself as "an optimistic man by nature," warned, however, that a prerequisite to a long-lasting peace between East and West was the solution of some of the chief problems existing in Europe and Asia.

"I personally believe that peaceful co-existence is an absolute necessity because neither the people of the East nor the West want war," he told a Press conference at the Windsor Hotel here. "War is not a solution to any problem."

LONG AND PEACEFUL

"To have long and peaceful co-existence, however, we must solve some of the chief problems that confront us—such as Germany and Asia."

M. Spaak, who arrived here for a three-day stay before winding up his week-long Canadian sojourn, said his optimism made him hopeful the Formosa situation would be settled peacefully.

"During the evacuation of the Tachen Islands, either side could have created an incident," he told reporters. "The fact that there was no incident shows both sides are intent on avoiding a clash."

In answer to a reporter's question, M. Spaak said his country's policy on Formosa was closer to that of Ottawa and London than to the view advocated by Washington.

(Canada is on the record that it favours the neutralisation of Formosa and the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu are an integral part of China's territory.)

To a question about the "new regime" in Russia, M. Spaak replied: "Have we a new regime in Russia?"

Earlier today, the Belgian Foreign Minister welcomed news of the ratification of the Paris treaties by the West German Lower House.

He said he hoped the French Upper House would ratify the agreements rearming West Germany "next month" and added that until complete ratification had been achieved, there could be little talk about a conference between East and West. — United Press.

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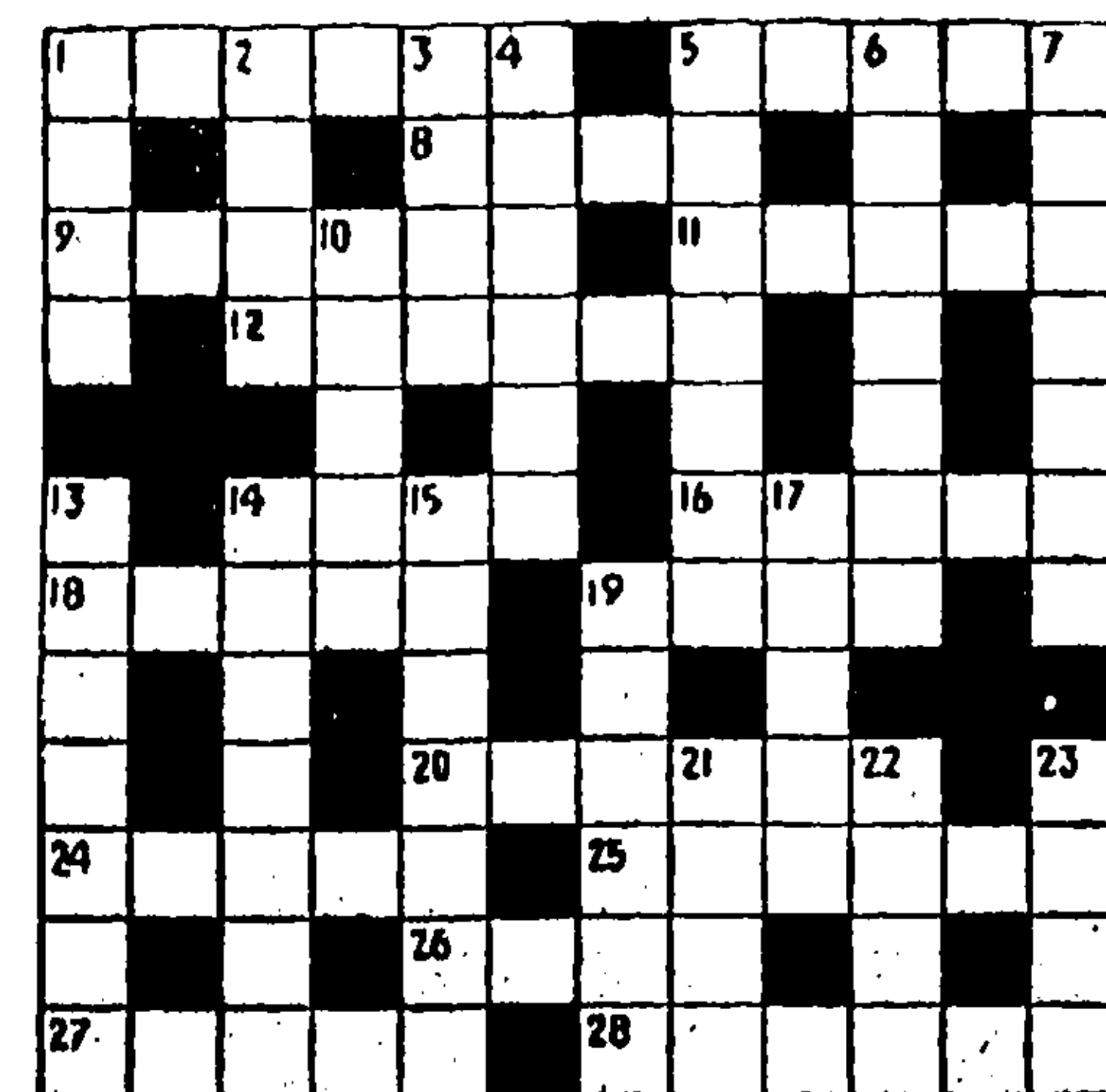
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- Objects (4).
- Coupled (6).
- Material (5).
- Modern (6).
- Pipe (4).
- Pick-me-up (5).
- Perpendicular (6).
- Serpents (4).
- Heavy drinkers (6).
- Fool (5).
- In high spirits (6).
- Meadows (4).
- Blind (5).
- Rug (6).

DOWN

- Drug (4).
- Deposited (4).
- Judge (4).
- Last (6).
- Avers (7).
- Cats (7).
- Money affairs (7).
- Stage show (5).
- Impute (7).
- Trying out (7).
- Fragile (7).
- Musical work (5).
- Scam (6).
- Basin (4).
- Corruption (4).
- Horizontal entrance to mine (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Lodes, 4 Icelots, 8 Rained, 10 Adeps, 12 Verger, 14 Dicoes, 17 Scar, 19 Patient, 20 Porcupine, 22 Arrow, 23 Tinting, 27 Glossy, 29 Dress, 30 Empire, 31 Nelson, 32 Hated. Down: 1 Lurid, 2 Dingo, 3 Slove, 5 Crag, 6 Coerce, 7 Extent, 9 Despote, 11 Desist, 18 Realise, 19 Iran, 16 Crawls, 18 Anon, 20 Parody, 21 Regent, 24 Nymph, 25 Idiot, 26 Greta, 28 Oath.



"I have an idea she's going to make him a wonderful little wife!"

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

WHEN I was minding mine at the winter migration some years ago, I noticed that many of them were little furry loads made for them by the Naas Mouse Club.

I recalled this when I read on the front page of my paper that a leopard at the Zoo had a cub. I probably got it first, but during the recent variable low pressure trough, the Indians have a proverb: "When the elephant sneezes, it is time for the rajah to hold his turban on with both hands."

A tale of the floods

The tiny of hazy shank and touched you might have thought it was "I think the little thing smells water." Said the dinner to his daughter, "Oh, Pa," the anxious girl replied, "The floods are out on every side. Which, doubtless, makes your mate tinge."

"Perform in a ceremonious jig. I really think the pair of you might find more useful work to do. Discard your frantic twigs, I pray. We have no need of it today." Covered with shame, her eyes were broke it, and placed it on the fire.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

BORN today, you are, above all, honourable, practical and ambitious. You know that many of the things you can do well and you proceed to develop those capabilities and never worry too much about the things which are—as you think—over and beyond your own horizon. Actually, you are capable of much more than you envision. If you will take the trouble to develop your hidden talents, you can succeed beyond your fondest desires.

Although you can be adaptable to conditions as they exist, you prefer to develop your own environment, and become a leader in your own sphere of activity. You have a strong will, although you are not usually diplomatic and know how to approach those from whom you wish to secure favours, you are not one to take "no" for an answer. You are an excellent penman. Then, a gentle persuasion tells you are usually capable of putting up a rugged battle, with no holds barred.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Business and finance are in the foreground today. If you are wise you can make substantial gains.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — A fine day to develop a really good idea or a new plan. You are a high success potential. Show initiative.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — Better not to make any business expansion unless you are positive that it is a wise expenditure.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Minor disappointments are likely today, but if you take the right attitude, they are not too depressing.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Caution is indicated. If you are wise and manage to play your cards right, you can make a good profit.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Being the penman of the day, push into the role is a good idea. Don't, for an instant, get into the argument.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — The stars say the lights are green. Force ahead if you know exactly where you want to go.

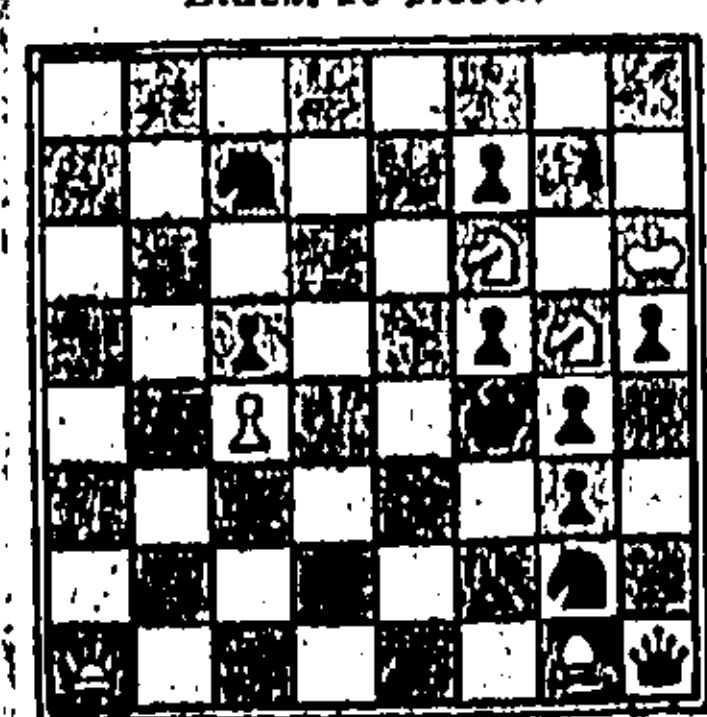
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Think before you speak either in haste or anger today. Otherwise, you may hurt someone's feelings. Fact pays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — The aid you give someone today may be help that will be returned manyfold, later on, to your personal benefit.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. MOSER

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-R4; threat 2. Kt-B6 (ch).
Kt-P3; 2. P-K4 (ch).
QxQ; 3. B-Kt4 (ch).

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE •

Team Match Shows Interesting Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent total point team match, one declarer was defeated by an unexpected shift to his weak suit. The other declarer looked the unexpected and took measures against it.

In both cases the final contract was three no-trump, and the opening lead was the jack of hearts. The first declarer took the ace of hearts and speedily cashed the three top clubs. He slowed down, however, when West discarded a heart on the third round of clubs.

Since the clubs were the chief hope for the contract, declarer next gave up a club trick to East's jack. West discarded another low heart on this trick.

By this time it was easy for East to see that his partner had lost interest in the hearts. It was equally easy for East to see that a shift to diamonds was the best chance to defeat the contract. East led the ten of diamonds, and the defenders rattled off four diamonds, setting the game.

At the second table, the declarer was Dick Miller, well-known expert of York, Pa. Dick

NORTH (D) 6			
AK92			
A5			
45			
AK983			
WEST EAST			
Q5	J1087		
J10873	AK42		
AK10	108		
42	J765		
SOUTH			
443			
KQ6			
Q7432			
K10			
North-South vul.			
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥ J			

saw that he needed four club tricks and that only a disaster in diamonds could endanger the contract.

After a very brief thought he saw that there could be no disaster in diamonds if West had to begin that suit. No matter how the six missing diamonds might be divided, the defenders could not take more than three tricks in the suit provided that West had to lead it first.

For example, give West four diamonds to the king-jack, and give East the ace-ten, the most dangerous possible division of the suit. West can begin the suit by leading low to East's ace. East then leads the ten, and South plays low. That gives the defenders three, but only three tricks.

Having come to this conclusion, Miller played the clubs in such a way that West, but not East, might win a trick in the suit. He won the first trick with dummy's ace of hearts and immediately led a low club in order to freeze the ten from his hand.

The finesse happened to win, and now Miller took the first ten tricks. Even if the club finesse had lost, however, the contract would have been assured against any defence.

• CARD SENSE •

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: South: 1 ♠, North: 2 ♠, South: 3 ♠, North: 4 ♠, South: 5 ♠, North: 6 ♠, South: 7 ♠, North: 8 ♠, South: 9 ♠, North: 10 ♠, South: 11 ♠, North: 12 ♠, South: 13 ♠, North: 14 ♠, South: 15 ♠, North: 16 ♠, South: 17 ♠, North: 18 ♠, South: 19 ♠, North: 20 ♠, South: 21 ♠, North: 22 ♠, South: 23 ♠, North: 24 ♠, South: 25 ♠, North: 26 ♠, South: 27 ♠, North: 28 ♠, South: 29 ♠, North: 30 ♠, South: 31 ♠, North: 32 ♠, South: 33 ♠, North: 34 ♠, South: 35 ♠, North: 36 ♠, South: 37 ♠, North: 38 ♠, South: 39 ♠, North: 40 ♠, South: 41 ♠, North: 42 ♠, South: 43 ♠, North: 44 ♠, South: 45 ♠, North: 46 ♠, South: 47 ♠, North: 48 ♠, South: 49 ♠, North: 50 ♠, South: 51 ♠, North: 52 ♠, South: 53 ♠, North: 54 ♠, South: 55 ♠, North: 56 ♠, South: 57 ♠, North: 58 ♠, South: 59 ♠, North: 60 ♠, South: 61 ♠, North: 62 ♠, South: 63 ♠, North: 64 ♠, South: 65 ♠, North: 66 ♠, South: 67 ♠, North: 68 ♠, South: 69 ♠, North: 70 ♠, South: 71 ♠, North: 72 ♠, South: 73 ♠, North: 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TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM DON'T CRAMP YOUR STYLE

One of the many problems of snooker is the best way of holding your bridge-hand to support the cue — knowing how to form it comfortably and when to hold it differently, according to your position for the shot.

As I said in a previous article, awkward cushion positions are frequently popping up. I am continually being asked at my Club Exhibitions how to deal with the cushion rail problem. Only last week a Club opponent was left with the cue-ball six inches from the cushion rail and he used his normal bridge-hand for his shot. In so doing he had to operate in a cramped position and had to raise the butt end of his cue far too much: this meant bad striking of the cue-ball.

This week's diagram shows you how to clear the table by introducing the correct bridge-hand at the opening stroke. Take a look at diagram A and decide how you would play before following my instructions for diagram B.

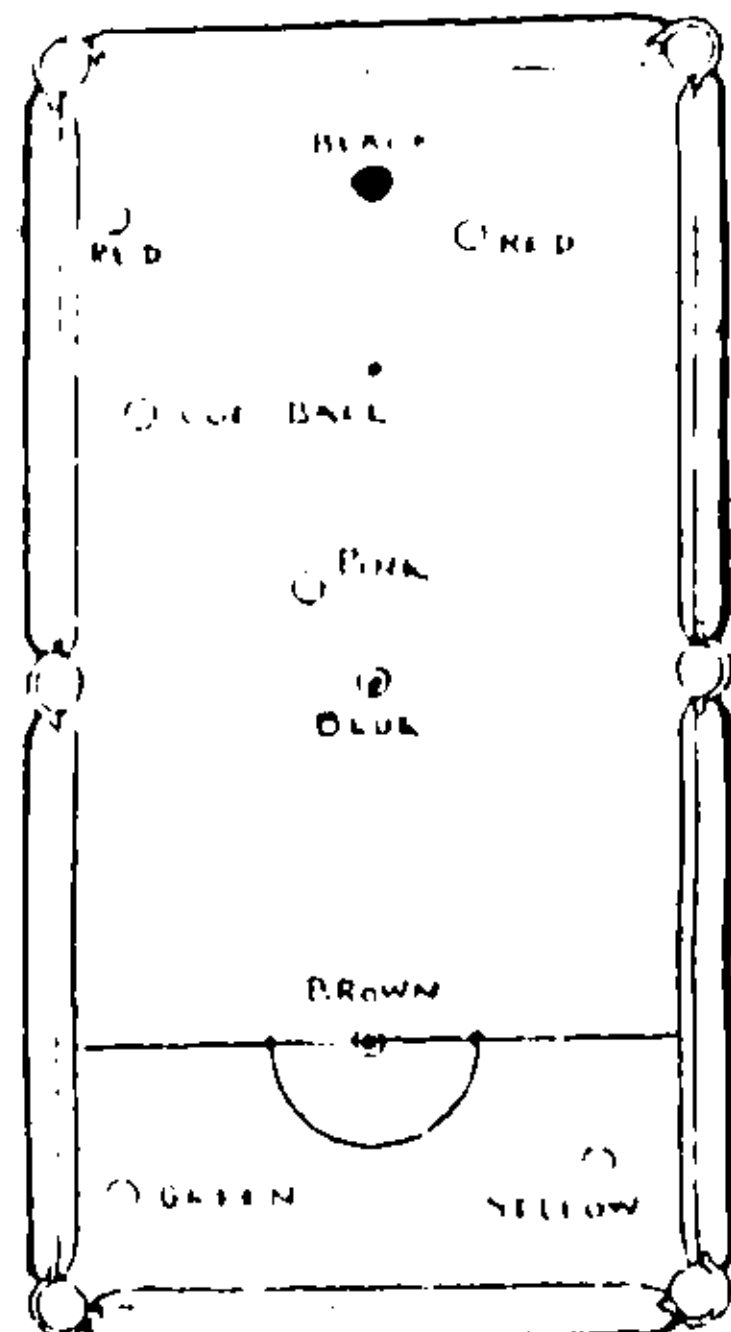


DIAGRAM "A"

HKFA MEETING

Army Request New Shield Final Date

A letter from the Army Sports Board asking for the date of the Shields Final between the Army and South China, fixed for March 20, was brought forward to March 19, was considered by the Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association Ltd. at a meeting yesterday.

After discussion on the subject, the meeting decided to write a reply by Thursday.

It was decided, should South China agree to the proposed change of date, that the game be played on the Club ground, or if that ground was not available then at the Caroline Hill ground.

Mr Leslie Channing proposed that the pre-sale of tickets be cut by 10 per cent. for the Club ground and 10 per cent. for the South China ground. He said that there were many persons with tickets who could not enter the stands during the recent series of games against the Austrians.

The proposal was adopted. It was decided to ask Mrs Kwok Chan to distribute the trophies at the conclusion of the game.

The meeting also decided to hold the first round of the Victory Shield Competition between the Combined Chinese and Services on March 9 at the Club Ground under floodlight.

Capt. W. A. George, Chairman, presided, assisted by Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary.

CUP REPLAY DRAWN

Newcastle, Feb. 28. 2-2 with Nottingham Forest after extra time in their FA Cup Fifth Round replay today, Newcastle led 2-0 at half-time.

The teams will meet in a second replay on Newcastle's ground again on Wednesday, March 2.

The winners of this tie play Huddersfield Town at Huddersfield in the sixth round (quarter-finals) on Saturday, March 12.

Because of the second replay, the League Division One match between Newcastle United and Cardiff City, arranged for Wednesday, has been postponed.

WILL PLAYBOY MILLER BE AUSTRALIA'S CAPTAIN?

He Has Paid For His Rows

By FRANK ROSTON

Mr K. Miller, the respected family man who lives with his tall, stately wife and three small sons in the seaside suburb of Manly, looks far from the rollicking buccaner of the cricket world when he leaves home every day to drive to his newspaper office in Sydney.

His unruly, long hair is neatly brushed, he is smartly dressed in a quiet lounge suit and there is no hint of the fire and the flamboyance that have made him cricket's most controversial figure since he first played for Australia nine years ago.

But these qualities that make Keith Miller so dynamic and so outstanding a personality are still there — and nearly everywhere, except the selectors, think

he should be Australia's captain.

He is the bowler Len Hutton most fears and the player who admits most in world cricket.

Why has an Johnson kept the captain's job in this series and for the tour in the West Indies next month?

The answer is a chain of circumstances created by domestic cricket, politics and Johnson's ideal "diplomatic" background.

Johnson is not only the son of one famous cricketer —

legislator father and married to the daughter of another, Dr Keith Park, but he is an off-field character who is persona grata with every cricket "king-maker" in Australia.

He comes from the right place, Melbourne, and Victoria still rules the cricket councils of Australia. Johnson has always said and done the right thing.

BY CONTRAST

By contrast, you have the curliest swag of Miller, now 26, who grew up through cricket boyhood with Johnson in Victoria but left after the war to become a sports idol in Sydney.

Miller, with a "hang the consequences" attitude to sport and life itself, was a perfectly unmanageable, rode roughshod over officials and conventions in his earlier career.

He has long since proved his worthiness of responsibility and has captained New South Wales with conspicuous success, and to victory over the MCC.

He has progressed far since 1949 when the selectors rather scandalously most people thought — left him out of the team to tour South Africa.

That was generally accepted to be because Bradman, as captain, was at loggerheads with Miller on certain occasions during the tour of England in 1948.

Humez Beats Langlois In Five Rounds

Paris, Feb. 28.

France's European Middle-weight Boxing Champion, Charles Humez, defeated France's 29-year-old Pierre Langlois when the referee stopped the fight in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round non-title fight at the Palais des Sports stadium here tonight.

The 27-year-old Champion, who has his eye on a world title fight against Bobo Olson of the United States, waded into Langlois in the fourth round after a time first three rounds.

Langlois, who was an 11th round technical knockout victim to Olson during their title fight in the United States in December last year, hit the canvas in the fourth round before a capacity crowd of 18,000 spectators as Humez connected a violent right to the face. The bell saved him from the final count.

Sent to the canvas again in the fifth round by a straight left, Langlois came up after a count of eight but, glassy-eyed, he was out on his feet and the referee stopped the fight.

Humez is now almost certain of a crack at Olson for the world crown. —France-Press.

Injustice was rectified when, under pressure from the South African authorities, Australia sent Miller as a reinforcement after a motor accident to Bill Johnston.

Since then, Miller's enemies who like to recall his youthful reputation for playboy activities, have had to make the most of the unhappy "Barnes incident."

Barnes, acting as 12th man for New South Wales under Miller's captaincy, went on to the field in a lounge suit, equipped with scentsprays and combs to make a burlesque of the drinks interval.

Wide disapproval enveloped Miller who was unjustly blamed for lack of discipline.

Now, at last, under sustained public pressure, Australian cricket controllers have relaxed their obvious disinclination to trust Miller to the point where they have made him vice-captain.

HANDS FORCED

But their hands have been forced because Morris, whom they had preferred, could not retain his place in the side.

Now the supposition is that Miller makes a success of the vice-captaincy in the West Indies he will be Australia's next leader on the England tour.

Would he succeed as captain in England? Of course, he would — especially if given a team manager like popular Chappie Dwyer, able New South Wales official who managed the tour of South Africa with real flair, to handle off-the-field affairs.

Miller is still one of the most dramatic figures who ever bled a sports field.

His acrobatic physical genius is such that he just can't help performing spontaneously, spectacular feats that make him the darling of the tough bursters on the Sydney "Hill." He is still the devil-may-care joker and non-respecter of dignitaries, ready to deflate and debunk all pomp and importance out of solemn officials.

He is still the flouter of authority when he does not agree with it, but he is also still the man all his teammates and opponents like and respect.

Through touring England, South Africa and Australia in previous years with Miller I am closer to him than any English correspondent.

I know his faults well. They are well advertised and others besides his intimate friends know them.

But there is nothing petty about him. He is not only a first-class player and captain but a spontaneous sportsman, despite what some English spectators have thought of his antics on the field.

His teams play hard under him and all youngsters go to him because of his warm humanity and generosity. No young player asks in vain of Miller when in trouble.

TEMPERING IT

As a captain he is tempering his impetuosity and his natural gambling instinct with experience.

Just as on the racecourse, where he will cheerfully wager 200 of his modest capital "on the nose" as they say in Sydney and lose it with all the cheerful non-chalance of a millionaire, or at golf, where his tremendously long hitting humbles average players and he always displaces them.

"Safe" shots, Miller is always liable to set a drowsy match with his buccannery captaincy. He is one of the few hopes for the game itself in this bleak Australian scene — and he may lead Australia out of the wilderness. —(London Express Service)



Cricketer Miller — newspaperman Miller — now family man Miller with sons Denis, Peter and Bill. — Express Photo.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lonne And Ouang Put Up Gallant Struggle Against Ip And Tsai

Defending Champions Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai of South China will play Chinese Recreation Club's V. T. Wang and George Choa in the semi-finals of the Colony's Grasscourt Championships.

In the quarter-finals at Chater Road yesterday over a hundred people were rewarded with some of the best tennis seen at the HKCC ground. Ip and Tsai put up Lonne and Ouang 6-2 6-4.

In Ip and Tsai's own section, the other quarter-final pair, V. T. Wang and George Choa, carried too many guns for J. Hsu and E. Pereira and won 6-1, 6-1.

In the other section, K. C. Dao and E. Saubolle subdued K. Y. Chang and P. F. Zau 6-1, 6-1, and Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pui triumphed over C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng with a 7-5, 6-2 score.

GALLANT STRUGGLE

If any prize were to be awarded to a beaten pair for courage and determination at the Championships, then it should go to the unseeded combination of F. G. Lonne and Carlos Ouang. In a four 35 minutes' struggle the gallant pair battled it out against the defending Champions.

Although beaten, Lonne and Ouang won the admiration of the crowd who lustily applauded their first rate performance, especially in the second set, when, trailing 0-1, they levelled the score and then went on to take the next two games, worrying the Champions.

Lonne and Ouang managed to take another game before bowing out to a much superior combination.

Best of the four players was, without doubt, the Colony Champion, Ip Koon-hung who was coolness personified. He used his head and exploited his courtship to great advantage. His sharp volleys, crisp backhand drives and high well placed lobs found wide gaps in the opposing defence.

Edwin Tsai gave his partner invaluable support, though at times he was erratic. His main asset was his volley-drive. He applied it whenever he had the

opportunity and invariably they were winners all the way. Ip and Tsai started well by taking the first game without much effort and the crowd thought that it was to be a walkaway win for the Champions.

But once the unseeded pair found the answer to Ip's top spin service and Edwin Tsai's powerful drives, the spectators realised what an entertaining game it would be. Lonne and Ouang did not disappoint them.

BEST THEY COULD DO

From 0-1, Lonne and Ouang crept up and eventually overhauled their opponents to lead 2-1. This turned out to be the best they could do in this set for Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai got into their stride to take the set at 6-2.

In the second set Lonne and Ouang led 3-1 and 4-2. Lonne's high-powered services were point-scoring and his passing shots caught Ip and Tsai time and again.

At this stage, the defending Champions shared as many anxious moments as their challengers. With nothing to lose and everything to gain, Lonne and Ouang hammered away at everything in an attempt to force a rubber.

Unfortunately for them Ip Koon-hung struck a good patch to reel off four games in a row.

In another quarter final tie, schoolboys C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng fought one of their biggest battles when they met seeded pair, Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pui.

The seeded pair won 7-5, 6-2 in a match with all the elements in it to keep a crowd interested.

The brothers combination, Wai-pui and Yun-pui, began the game in convincing style to take a 1-0 lead. But the schoolboys then took the next three games in a row with their smooth combination and courtship.

Wai-pui and Yun-pui pulled themselves together and with forceful forehand drives pinned the schoolboys at the base to tie the score at three games each. They went on to 5-4 and game point, but Ho and Ng refused to be beaten.

Bringing in all their concentration and reserves, Ng and Ho levelled at 5-5. This effort, as it turned out, took too much out of them and they lost the set at 7-5.

Ho and Ng were a spirited combination in the second set. The schoolboys took the first game but soon the experience of Wai-pui and Yun-pui began to tell. Before long, it was all over at 6-2 in favour of the Tsai brothers. The Tsais will meet K. C. Dao and E. Saubolle in the semi-final.

THE RESULTS

The following were the results:

Doubles

Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai beat F. G. Lonne and Carlos Ouang 6-2, 6-4.

V. T. Wang and George Choa beat J. Hsu and E. Pereira 6-1, 6-1.

K. C. Dao and E. Saubolle beat K. Y. Chang and P. F. Zau 6-1, 6-1.

Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pui beat C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng 7-5, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAME

Singles Semi-Final.
Ip Koon-hung v. K. C. Dao at 4.30 p.m.

Canadians Lead In Ice Hockey Championship

Born, Feb. 28. Canada maintained their lead in the World Ice Hockey Championships when they defeated Finland 12-0 at Dusseldorf in the fourth round today.

The Canadians head the list, having won all their four games.

The USSR, 1954 Champions, also won their four matches when they defeated Poland 8-2 at Cologne, but they have scored fewer goals than the Canadians.

The United States moved up to third place after beating Switzerland at Krefeld 7-2. —France-Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Badminton Executive Committee Meeting at Marina House 6.30 p.m.
Final semi-finals round of Colony Grasscourt Championship at HKCC.

Final Junior Championships, foil and sabre (preliminary rounds).

TOMORROW

Final of YARELY Inter-Unit Cup.

THURSDAY

Colony Grasscourt Championship singles final.

Service Mixed: Netball v YMCA.

HKU v QCU: Basketball.

United Sports Club v Hong Kong Cup Qualifying Round.

AMERICAN WINS SPEED SKATING SPRINT RACE

Toensberg, Sweden, Feb. 28.

The American skater, Donald McDermott, won the 500-metre sprint in the international ice speed skating meet here tonight. He covered the distance in 42.8 seconds.

Sigmund Soereland of Norway was second in 43.5 seconds, followed by Ken Henry of the U.S. and Colin Fickler of Australia who tied for third place in 43.7 seconds.

Sweden's 1954 World and European Champion, Elge Eriksson, was fifth in 44.6 seconds. Gary Anderson was the 6,000-metre world record holder in 22.4 seconds. —France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS

GEORGE, DEAR, DID YOU REMEMBER WHAT I ASKED YOU TO BUY?

OH YES, OF COURSE. I BOUGHT THEM ON MY WAY TO WORK THAT I SHOULD REMEMBER

HAVE THEM IN MY COAT POCKET. . . . ON

Barry Appleby

Whatever the subject

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HOW DO THESE GIANT-KILLERS DO IT? THIRD DIVISION TEAMS ARE GETTING BETTER —LOOK AT YORK CITY

Says TOM FINNEY

Two events of great importance to Third Division clubs have happened. First York City, for the second time in their history, have entered the last eight of the Cup and are the sole representatives of the Third Division left in the competition.

Secondly, the FA have decided to permit floodlit Cup replays for the first time next season up to and including the second round.

The entry of York into the last eight of the Cup is a credit to Third Division football. They knocked out the much improved Spurs 3-1 at Bootham Crescent, and my old friend Danny Blanchflower is reported to have said: "York's standard of play left us speechless. They were better in all departments."

I can well believe it. Every year the Cup throws up some giant-killer. This, of course, causes the unthinking football fan to exclaim: "How is it possible for a Third Division or even-League club to be able to beat a First Division team?"

NOTHING TO LOSE

What so many people forget is this—that in a lot of Third Division teams there are men who have come from First Division clubs, who were almost good enough to get into the first team, and who often understand the game better than the average fan.

These days a lot of players prefer the cut and thrust of Third Division football to playing before a handful of spectators in the Central League.

When you look through York's team you can find several reasons for their success. In goal they have Tommy Forgan who was a promising chap with Hull City last season. I have played against their full-backs Ernie Phillips (ex-Manchester City) and George Howe (ex-Huddersfield Town). They form a defensive trio of great experience for a start.

Brown, the right-half, used to play for Nottingham Forest; Stevent, the centre half, has had a lot of experience. In attack, they have Arthur Bottom, whom I have played against in a former half with Sheffield United. Storey, the inside-right, was formerly with Huddersfield Town. The rest of the line is, I gather, made up of experienced players.

TEAM SPIRIT

Now can you wonder why the Yorks of the football world can shake the so-called glamour clubs in the Cup? Every First Division player I know dreads it if his team is drawn away to a Third Division club—and it doesn't mean because they fear getting kicked off the field.

I know from bitter experience that in the Cup Third Division clubs have all to gain and nothing to lose. That being so they can afford to go in straight for the ball without worrying whether they will lose it.

Analyse any of the good Cup runs of Third Division teams and you will find that their success depends on—first, team spirit with every man chasing the ball and covering up for a team mate; second, a refusal to hold back or delay tactics. Generally they move in quickly and strongly for the ball and this can put some of the dainty players, used to more spacious grounds, off their game.

Then again, like the team who eventually won the Cup, a giant-killing Third Division side must have what we footballers call the run of the ball—shots which might scrape an upright, whip into the net and that sort of thing.

Indeed I understand York had their own fight in the first round when Scarborough, the

Midland League side, were winning at Bootham Crescent 2-1 with ten minutes to go. York just managed to rally and win 3-2.

Since the last war we at Preston have had plenty of Cup shocks from teams in lower divisions. We had a dreadful fright from Mansfield Town. They scored first and we only managed to escape through 2-1 thanks to a late penalty.

Northampton Town also made us go all the way. They were quick on the ball, played with tremendous verve and fire, and we were lucky at the finish to stagger off with a victory of 2-1.

And we still have a healthy respect for Watford. We drew there 1-1 but the Southern Section team came up to Deepdale and knocked North End out of the Cup by an only goal.

Good luck to these giant-killers. I say. They stimulate interest in the Cup and give the smaller clubs a lot of well-deserved publicity.

FLOODLIT REPLAYS

It should be interesting next season to see the effect of the FA ruling that Cup replays may be played under floodlights up to and including the second round. (a) Both clubs agree to this step, (b) if there is an emergency system of lighting in case of an electricity breakdown, and (c) providing there is an assurance of co-operation from the local police and transport authorities.

It should be interesting to see if these matches get the increased support expected. I think they will—but we must wait and see. Speaking from the player's point of view I like floodlit football. The ball has to be kept more on this ground because sometimes with a lofted kick it is momentarily lost in the glare of the lights. Apart from that, floodlit football is a great experience. Like most players I believe there is a great future in it with the possibility of big games being played under the lights in future years.

If this innovation, which will only apply to the Non-Leaguers and Third Division teams at first, proves successful, then football legislation will be able to profit by the experience gained in these matches.

COACHING HINT

I take York City as my example for this week's coaching hint. They play a push-and-run type of football which depends absolutely on 100 per cent team effort. The golden rule in

football is—when not in possession take up position. You must always be wanting the ball and looking for it, even though you don't always get it.

When you try to play like this, it means that a teammate, instead of having one man to pass to, has three or four, all moving around and ready to take the ball through on the run. It is this chasing spirit which brings us our Cup giant-killers every year.

(Signed)

Club.

ASF & OC MEETING

Federation Pledges To Assist Badminton Association In A Drive For Thomas Cup Funds

The Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong, meeting at the SCM Post Boardroom yesterday with Mr A. de O. Sales in the Chair, pledged to assist the Hongkong Badminton Association in its drive for funds to send a team to India for the Asiatic Zone final of the Thomas Cup Badminton competition.

A letter from the Hongkong Badminton Association which was read out to the meeting, stated that at least \$18,000 was needed to send six players to India. The HKBA had already started its own drive for funds and had staged two badminton exhibitions. Also on the programme to raise funds is a proposed Badminton Ball.

Dr the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues, President of the HKBA, was present at the meeting yesterday and in making a verbal request for assistance, added that the Badminton subscription fee was low and therefore the HKBA had not much capital to fall back on. Dr Rodrigues also mentioned the Ball, which is to be held on Saturday, March 26. Dr Rodrigues summed up by asking the Federation to support the HKBA's efforts to put HK on the map of international badminton.

SUPPORT PROPOSED

Mr O. R. Sadick, Hon Secretary General, proposed that the Federation support the Badminton Ball. It was also proposed that a certain sum of money which is owed to the Hongkong Table Tennis Association by the Indian Table Tennis Association be turned over to the HKBA. This would then liquidate a debt due to the Federation by the HK Table Tennis Association. The Hon. Secretary General is to cable the ITTA regarding the matter.

Finally Mr Sadick proposed that the HKBA make a contribution to the ASF and OC Olympic Games fund should they make a profit on gate receipts.

Mr L. G. Young, the Hon. Treasurer, in his report, suggested a \$2,500 surplus from the General Accounts be invested. The meeting agreed unanimously.

Mr A. de O. Sales, in his report, stated that two weightlifting associations, the Hongkong Weightlifting Association and the Kowloon Weightlifting Association had both applied for affiliation. He stated that a year

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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FANLING GOLF

D. Black, with a return of all square (88-17) net 713 was the winner of a competition against Bagey played over the Old Course at Fanling during the week-end. P. G. Cornish, A. D. Duffy and A. R. Petrie were joint runners-up with returns of three down and L. F. Stokes and Major E. L. Land were in third place with four down.

Results of matches played in the first round of the Fanling Open Fourballs were as follows:

S. Allen/Y. T. Teong lost to L. D. Kilbee/F. C. Stuckey — 3/1; S. S. Gordon/J. R. Leitch beat Capt. D. Gahula/P. Simon; Capt. H. Burt/J. L. Kay received a w/o from F. D. Hunter/A. G. S. McCallum; J. R. Laughlin/P. D. Sladden beat Dr. J. Gray/E. W. D. Gore — 4/2; W. H. Hines/Maj. C. D. Elrick lost to H. W. E. Heath/J. J. Corrythwaite 1 down; A. A. Lopes/C. H. Liang lost to Maj. Monck-Mason/L. P. A. Watt — 5/4; A. R. de Pinna/H. R. de Pinna lost to J. E. Noronha/J. J. Busto — 1 down.

OPEN FOURSOMES

The following are results returned in the first round of the Fanling Open Foursomes:

R. R. Davies/J. W. Nichols lost to Capt. H. Burt/J. L. Kay — 3/2; E. M. Wilesey/W. van Alst beat W. M. Keay/E. C. Brown — 6/5; J. E. Noronha/C. P. Busto received a w/o from A. R. Petrie/I. G. Knowles; W. E. Hines/Maj. C. D. Elrick beat Dr. L. Anderson/W. N. Gray — 2 up; Maj. Monck-Mason/L. P. A. Watt lost to Austin Ho/J. F. Shoemaker — 2/1.

MIXED FOURSOMES

This competition has now reached the semi-final stage, results of matches played in the fourth round being:

Miss I. A. Aitken/J. R. Leitch lost to Mr and Mrs S. S. Gordon — 5/4; Mr and Mrs R. M. T. Orr lost to Mr and Mrs W. N. Gray — 3/1; Dr and Mrs J. B. Mackie beat Mr and Mrs H. W. E. Heath — 1 up; Mr Turnbull/N. A. Brown beat Mr and Mrs C. H. Liang — 18th hole.

HOLE-IN-ONE

D. R. Holmes holed his Tee Shot at the 133 yards 8th hole, of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Deep Water Bay Course on Friday and later celebrated the event in the customary manner at the Club House.

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the Hockey League for the coming week-end:

SATURDAY

Ladies' Division

Victorians v Dorians "B" on Boundary St. at 3.30. (Umpires: J. B. Gonsalves, Mrs Lambooy).

Dorians "A" v Services on King's Park at 4. (Umpires: Krishna Lal, P. F. Xavier).

Men's Second Division

R.A.F. "B" v K.I.T.C. on King's Park at 2.30. (Umpires: Mickey Hum, Z. A. Abbas).

SUNDAY

Men's First Division

Dutch v Recro "A" on Recro at 11. (Umpires: J. B. Gonsalves, H. C. Crebbs).

Navy Bharat "A" v Recro "B" on King's Park at 4. (Umpires: Sgt. English, Sgt. Darvill).

Byes—Army "B" & R.N. "A".

Men's Second Division

Army "C" v H.K.I.C. on Soekunpo at 4. (Umpires: G. T. Palmer, Mokham Singh).

R.A.F. "B" v Navy Bharat "B" on King's Park at 2.30. (Umpires: Sgt. Moore, F/Sgt. Coxon).

R.N. "B" v K.I.T.C. on King's Park at 2.30. (Umpires: A. L. Nery, Sgt. Trafford).

Bookmakers "A" v Police on Soekunpo at 11. (Umpires: U. S. Dillan, J. S. Grewal).

H.K.A.A.F. v Knights on Soekunpo at 2.30. (Umpires: H. Rosa, Major Walker).

Bye—Soekunpo "A"

FUTURE FIXTURES

March 12

Ladies' Division—Recro "A" v Victorians Services v Recro "B".

March 13

Men's First Division—Recro "A" v Navy Bharat "A" v Dutch I.C.


Byes—Navy Bharat "A" & R.A.F. "A".

Men's Second Division—H.K.A.A.F. v Soekunpo "A".

R.A.F. "B" v Knights "B" & Army "C".

Umpires not able to meet their commitments should ring P. F. Xavier soon immediately.

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DAVIS CUP DATES MAY KEEP AUSTRALIANS AWAY FROM WIMBLEDON

Melbourne, Feb. 28.
Sir Norman Brookes, President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, said tonight that unless the USA sets back the tentative dates for the Davis Cup Challenge Round, the Australian team could not play in the 1955 Wimbledon tournament.

"There has been a great deal of correspondence between the LTAA and the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association about getting the Challenge Round dates put back a week or so to enable us to play at Wimbledon," said Sir Norman.

"The USLTA is doing its best to change the dates from August 26-28 to early September. The itinerary of the Australian team is dependent upon their arrangements. We still hope it will be possible to play at Wimbledon."

The Australians are favoured to win this, and then meet the Far East Zone Champions, then the European Zone winners.

No dates have been set for any of these ties, but it obviously was a full programme which could affect Australian ability to be in England in June for Wimbledon—United Press.

DIFFICULTY

The difficulty about the dates at Forest Hills stems from the fact that the U.S. National Championships follow the Davis Cup play there, and then there are two tournaments on the Pacific coast.

Several American tennis leaders strongly favour a later start in Davis Cup play, to allow at least a few days between the Cup matches and the Nationals, but Sir Norman said that would make their tournaments a week or two later.

Australia plays in the American Zone of the Cup the next day, and the U.S. team would have to leave immediately for Forest Hills.

Adnan Khan began his career last Wednesday and today, the President of the National Cycling Federation of India, Mr. Shree Bhoot, said that he would ask the international cycling authority to postpone the Indian team's departure for the 1955 Wimbledon.

Cycles Non-Stop For 113 Hours
Bombay, Feb. 28.
Adnan Khan of India today bettered the unofficial world record for non-stop cycling with 113 hours and 30 minutes.

The previous unofficial record was 110 hours.

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HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION Rocky Marciano HAS HAD HIS NOSE TESTED AND FOUND FIT TO FIGHT OUR DON COCKELL.

WITH ROCKY'S PERMISSION, A MR GIMMONS WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE POT SHOTS AT IT.

HAVING MET THE NOSE SOCIALLY WE'D SAY IT WAS IMPERVIOUS TO FURTHER INJURY.

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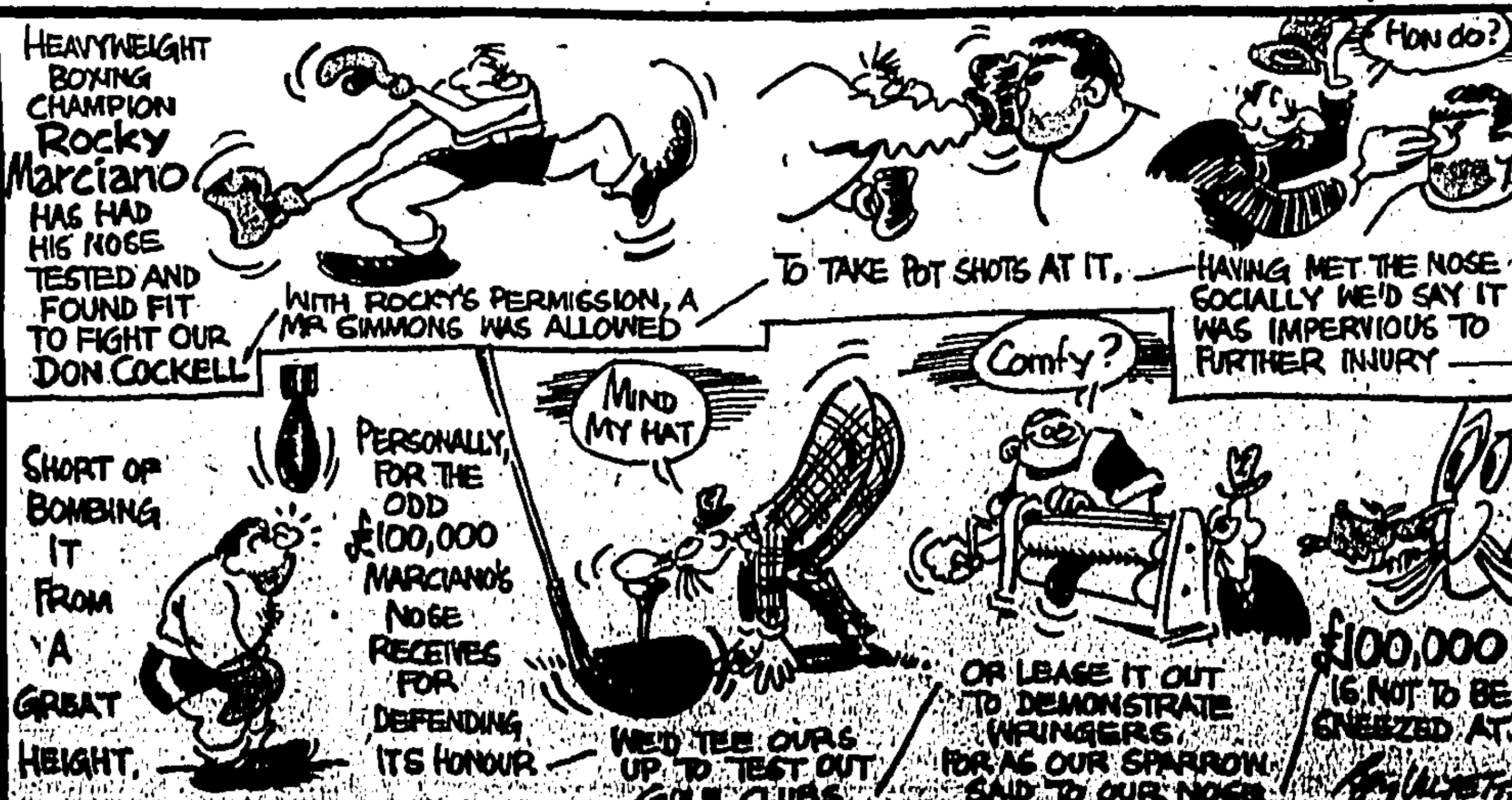
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Kong Jockey Club, Alexandra
House, 8th Floor, on Tuesday
22nd March 1955 at 5.30 p.m.
to receive the Report of the
Committee for the year ended
31st December 1954 and to
approve the Accounts and to
transact such other business
as may be necessary according
to the Constitution of the
Society.

By Order of the Executive
Committee,
(Mrs. J. M. HALLIGAN,
Secretary.)
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1955.

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CITY CLEAN UP HITS SOME SNAGS

Rangoon, Feb. 28.
Rangoon Corporation's drive for a cleaner
and healthier city which seemed to be well under
way has come up against a new obstacle — scores
of "gipsy" food pedlars.
For months the Corporation has firmly
pursued its policy of pulling down the thousands
of primitive huts built on the pavements by refugees
who flooded into Rangoon when the insurrection
began shortly after independence.

These huts provided homes as
well as places of business for
many who carried on retail
trade or opened restaurants or
tea shops. But they also added
to Rangoon's dirt disease had
the population in addition to
presenting one more hazard to
pedestrians who were forced to
walk on the roads.
As the Corporation's drive has
progressed, the thousands of
huts have been pulled down and
the displaced vendors have not
been able to find places to
set up their stalls. They are now
leaving the more profitable trading
areas and a number of them
have become "harry" street
traders.

Now to the consternation of
motorists they are appearing in
hordes, pushing their wares
across the road. Rangoon's
already overcrowded streets.
These carts are often sole
passage, both a place of
business and a home.

A LICENCE
Anyone can get a licence to
wheel a barrow for only six
kyat (about HK\$8) under
existing regulations, though it is
expected that the Corporation
will soon pull them all in and
see that the issue in future is
strictly limited.

At present these "gipsies" go
wherever they like, stopping in
the most inconvenient places
where they hold up traffic
whenever they see a prospective
customer for their crushed
sugar cane, flaked ice or the
strange concoction which they
cook over little spirit lamps.

When he has finished cooking
or crushing the cane, the vendor
uses the space reserved for
his barrow as the gutter. Thus
the Corporation's hope that the
removal of the stalls would bring
an end to the piles of rotting
garbage and waste foodstuffs
which disfigure Rangoon's streets
is being defeated.

The day's work over the
weekend pushes his cart into
a side street and makes his
bed under it or in a nearby doorway.
The next morning, having
washed at a street hyacinth, he
is off again on his day's work
which may bring him as much
as 20 kyat (HK\$24).

What amuses him most
about these barrow boys is that
they pay no taxes or taxes even
though they have work, for
Rangoon, is a big income.
China Mail Special.

V.D. Disappearing In Switzerland

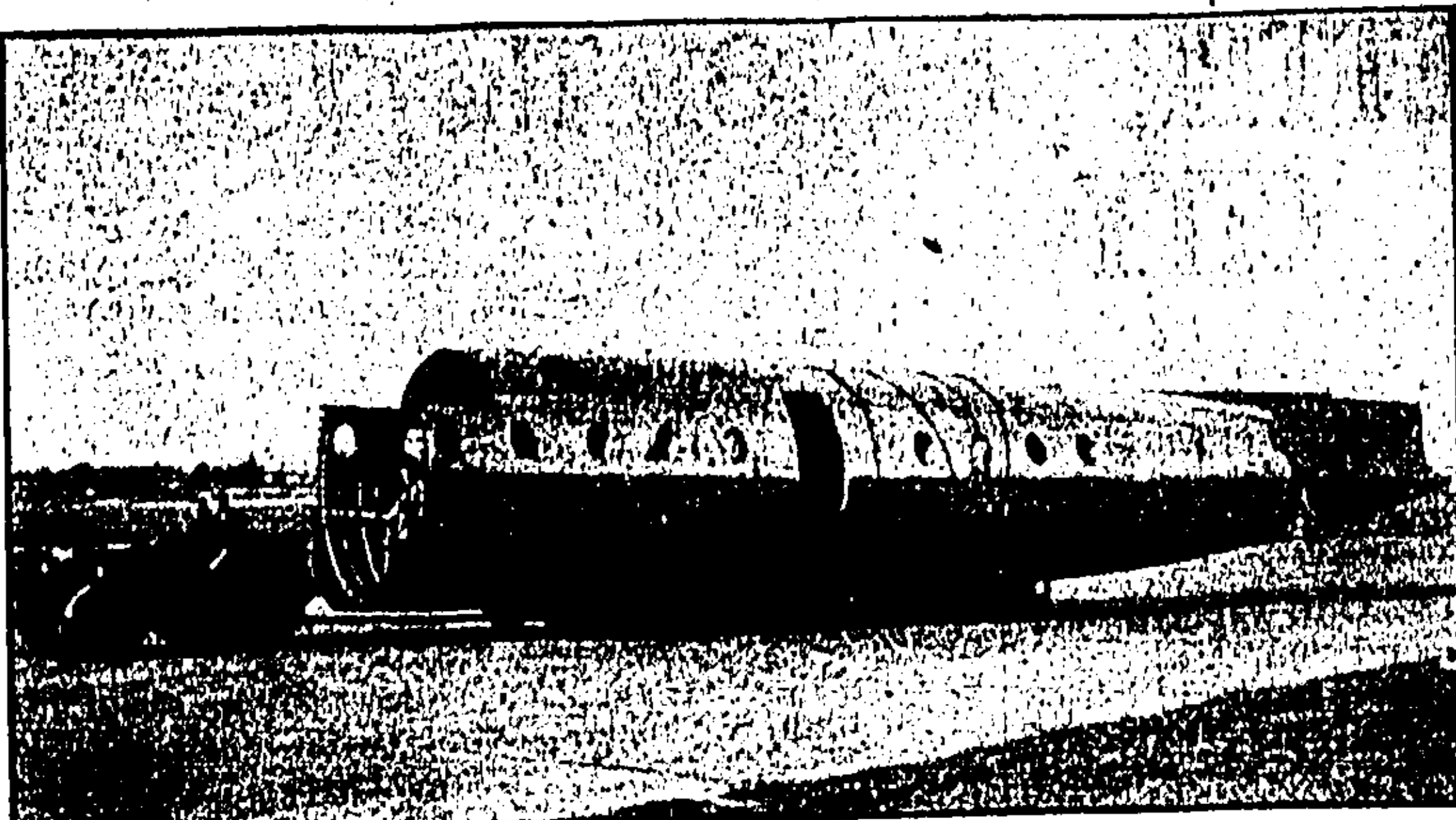
Berne, Feb. 28.
Professor Hans Kuske, Director
of the Berne University
Dermatological Clinic, stated in
an address here that venereal
disease had more or less disappeared
in Switzerland.
Professor Kuske, who was
speaking at the opening of the
new clinic, said that one of the
few European countries where
the disease was still prevalent
was Spain.
He added that Swiss specialists
were now devoting their time
to skin diseases. — Reuter.

SCREWED!

Johannesburg, Feb. 28.
Two Africans awoke a
Johannesburg resident, Mr.
H. A. Nathanson, in his bed
room and at the point of a
large screwdriver demanded
money.
Mr. Nathanson gave the
Africans £48 sterling. The
Africans left without taking
anything further from the
house. — China Mail Special.

Athens, Feb. 28.
Visitors to Greece may now
bring into, or take out of, the
country up to 450 drachmas
(approximately £20) in Greek
notes.
Formerly, the maximum was
200 drachmas (about £2 3s).
— Reuter.

Body For A Britannia



No Appeal For U.S. Reds

Washington, Feb. 28.
The United States Supreme
Court today refused to con-
sider an appeal by the defence
lawyers of 13 alleged American
Communist leaders. It was the
Court's second refusal.

The lawyers of the Com-
munist leaders were given prison
terms based on their request on
the confession of a witness,
Huey P. Matusow, that he had
made false statements during
the trial. — France-Press.

ART EXHIBITION IN NORWAY

Oslo, Feb. 28.
An exhibition of British
handicraft and industrial art
from 1850 to 1850 opens here
soon. It is at present showing
in Bergen.

The exhibit, which includes
furniture, glass and silver, come
from museums in Norway and
also from the Victoria and
Albert Museum in London. —
Reuter.

GAS-TURBINE TROOPERS FOR THE RAF Transport Command Also Taking New Comet 2s

As important as the news that the British
Overseas Airways Corporation is considering in-
creasing its Comet fleet to 20 aircraft is the
announcement of orders for gas-turbine aircraft
for trooping duties.

The British Government has announced in
the House of Commons that orders are being
placed for de Havilland Comet 2 jets and Bristol
Britannia 250 LR turboprop planes for troop
transport work.

The Comets will be delivered to RAF
Transport Command as soon as possible, while the
Britannias have been ordered by the Ministry of
Supply. The Government is likely to allow
British independent operators to charter them for
the fulfilment of trooping contracts.

These measures are additional
to the present programme for
re-equipment of a part of
Transport Command with Black-
burne Borealis piston-engined
aeroplanes. Taken together, they
will give Britain a fine fleet of
troop transports. With their flexibility
and modernity, they will be
able to switch a striking force
from strategic reserve into
action on the far side of the
world at unprecedented speed.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE
Present RAF transport planes
cruise at some 300 mph, but the
Comet 2s now ordered will be
able to improve on this by no
less than 200 mph. On routes
to the Far East, this means a
reduction of schedule times of
considerably more than 60 per
cent.

The Comets will provide valu-
able experience for crews who
later on may be called to fly the
Vickers 1000 transport aircraft
which are now being built for
the RAF. The Vickers 1000

will have the new Rolls-Royce
Comet by-pass engine, which
already has completed over
1,000 bench-running hours.

The Britannia order is for
three aircraft of a new type,
which has been designated the
250 LR. Whereas the produc-
tion aircraft for British Over-
seas Airways Corporation now
flying are designed specifically
for carrying passengers over
medium stages, the 250 LR will
be a long-range plane, the fusel-
age of which will be specially
strengthened forward of the
wing for the carriage of freight
as an alternative to passengers.

To speed the flow of Bri-
tannias (three of the series 100
are already flying), Bristol
have initiated the establish-
ment of a second production
line. In addition to that at
Filton, on which the 250 LR
aeroplanes will be built, at the
Short and Harland works at
Belfast in Northern Ireland.

This will leave Bristol's own
works at Filton free to concen-
trate on all-passenger aircraft.
The first three planes from the
Belfast line will be allocated to
the Government order, and
work on further five aircraft
is being started in anticipation
of further demand.

SAME SPEED
The 250 LR Britannias will
have the same cruising speed as
BOAC's aircraft, 350 mph, but
they will carry a greater pay-
load, over 30,000 lb. as against
25,000 lb. To make loading and
unloading of cargo speedy and
simple, large freight doors will
be provided forward of the
wing. The plane will carry a
total of 87 passengers as well as
its freight loads, and its turbo-
prop engines, the Bristol Proteus,
make it unusually "cheap" to
operate for an aircraft in this
class. Moreover, its initial cost
is below that of contemporary
competitive machines.

Over the past year prepara-
tions have been in hand in Bel-
fast to build Britannias, and the
production line is already fully
coiled up. In fact, if the de-
mand justifies it, Short's factory,
which is among the largest in
Europe, will be able to roll out
a new Britannia once a week—
a high rate for this class of
aircraft.

To accelerate engine de-
velopments, a new test house has
recently been completed at
Bristol, in which two engines
can be run on test simulta-
neously. The test house is of
an unusual design, with water
tanks in front of the building.
These tanks serve as a supply
of water for the engine cooling
system, and incidentally, they
ensure that only clean air is
drawn into the engine intakes.

With the emphasis on Comets
and Britannias for long-range,
high-speed strategic trooping
operations, the British Govern-
ment has not neglected the im-
portance of tactical air trans-
port for the Army, as the recent
first flight of a production
Beverly has shown.

GREATLY LOAD
The Beverley can carry an
even greater load than either
Comet or Britannia, but, unlike
them, it is intended for opera-
tions over shorter distances—
1,000 miles and under. With its
piston engines, it does not re-
quire fully developed aero-
dromes for take-off and landing,
but can operate from strips
which are suitable for the much
smaller DC-3.

It will perform a useful
role in the new British pattern
of all-trooping, which is among
the most comprehensive ever
devised, using jet, turboprop
and piston-engined planes.

The use of the by-pass engine
which is to power our strategic
aerial troops of tomorrow, the
Vickers 1000 aircraft, will com-
plete the range of engine types
in service and ensure that
Transport Command's equip-
ment is kept pace with aero-
nautical progress.

Australian Army Staff Appointment

Canberra, Feb. 28.
Lieutenant-Colonel K. McKay,
Chief Instructor at the
Australian Army School of
Tactics and Administration, has
been appointed assistant head
of the Australian Joint Services
Staff in London, with the rank
of Colonel.

He will take up his new
duties in April. — Reuter.

BRIDGES FOR FISHERMEN

Wellington, Feb. 28.
For the safety and con-
venience of fishermen the New
Zealand Government is building
two suspension bridges across
one of the country's best known
fishing rivers.

This is the Tongariro, famous
among anglers throughout the
world, and treacherous in its
rapids, which have claimed
more than one life. — Reuter.

Photography International

Paris, Feb. 28.
Amateur, press, industrial and
cinema photographers from more
than 40 nations will exhibit
their works at a ten-day inter-
national photography fair here
next May.

The organisers of the fair
will also collaborate with the
United Nations Educational
Scientific and Cultural Organi-
sation in a photographic con-
gress on the topic of the
photographic image in con-
temporary civilisation. — Reuter.

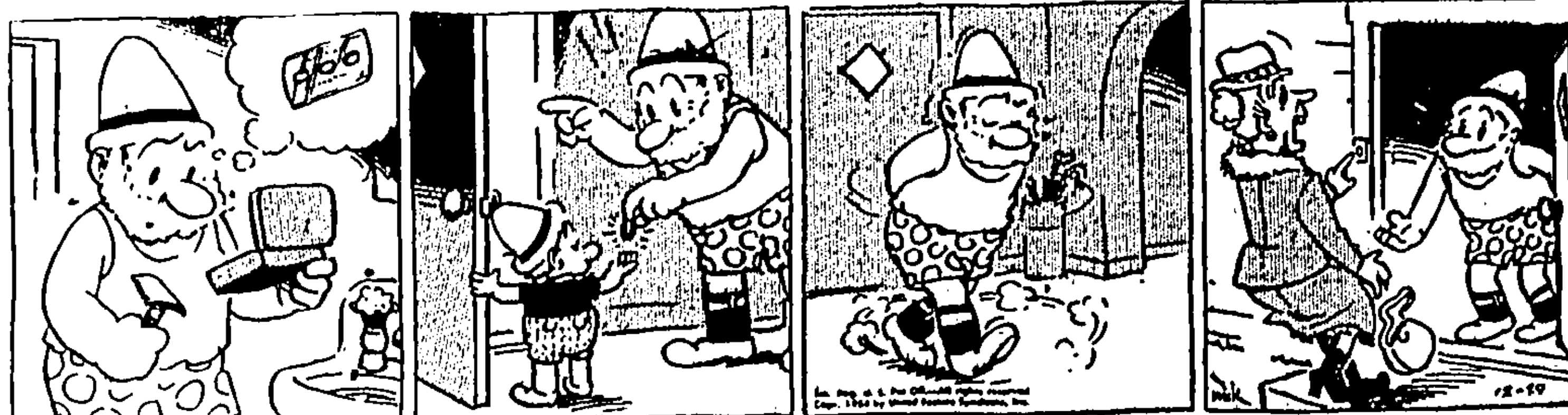
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